



The St. Anthony Catholic Church
Educational Trust



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2024

PAUL HARTKE*class of 1961*

“The trust exists to ensure tuition is affordable for all and to provide scholarships for those in need.”



Dear Friends of St. Anthony Catholic Church Educational Trust,

It is with immense gratitude and pride that I share the remarkable success of our “Securing Our Future” Capital Campaign. Thanks to the unwavering dedication of Mr. Paul Koerner, our Campaign Chairman, and the generosity of our incredible community, we have surpassed our goals, receiving over \$10,000,000 in pledges payable over the next five years. This extraordinary achievement is a testament to the shared vision and commitment of all who believe in the transformative power of Catholic education.

These funds will allow us to expand our scholarship programs, ensuring that more families have access to the exceptional education offered at St. Anthony Schools. By providing financial assistance to those in need, we are able to keep tuition reasonable and uphold our mission of making Catholic education accessible to all who desire it. Every child deserves the opportunity to grow in faith, knowledge, and character, and your support helps make that possible.

As we celebrate this milestone, it is important to reflect on the foundation upon which this Trust was built. None of this would have been possible without the visionary generosity of our founding donors, Dr. John and Ingrid Kay. Their forward thinking and profound commitment to Catholic education laid the groundwork for the success we see today. Their legacy continues to inspire us as we strive to build upon their initial investment, ensuring that St. Anthony Schools remain a beacon of spiritual, academic, and personal excellence for generations to come.

We are deeply grateful to all who have contributed to this campaign—our donors, volunteers, faculty, and families. Your support enables us to continue our rich history of nurturing young men and women who are not only academically prepared but also spiritually grounded and morally courageous. Together, we are shaping a future filled with hope, opportunity, and faith.

Thank you for your unwavering support and generosity. With your help, we are truly securing our future.

Paul Hartke

Paul Hartke, President



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The St. Anthony Catholic Church Educational Trust was established in 1995 for the long-term benefit of St. Anthony Schools. Its mission is to allow for the ongoing affordability of Catholic Education and Formation at St. Anthony Schools. The trust is a **separate & distinct** entity from the Parish, Diocese, and other trusts and foundations operated by St. Anthony Parish and Schools.

The trust is operated under its own federal tax identification number and is tax exempt under IRS Section 501(c)(3). **Gifts to the Trust are tax deductible.**

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The Educational Trust is managed by a group of parishioners who operate within the bylaws established during the formation of the trust.

Goal of the Educational Trust

Our goal is to grow the Trust to hold more than \$15 million in assets in the next ten years. We will continue to contribute up to 5% of assets to help offset the cost of Catholic Education and Formation.

It is our commitment that 100% of the proceeds from the Educational Trust will be distributed to St. Anthony Schools.

Gifts donated to the St. Anthony Catholic Church Educational Trust are used as best needed by the Trust. If you have questions or need advice about charitable giving, please consult your financial advisor.

Investment Committee

The St. Anthony Catholic Church Educational Trust is guided by a dedicated Investment Committee that carefully evaluates investment opportunities and makes recommendations to the trustees to ensure the long-term growth and viability of the Trust.

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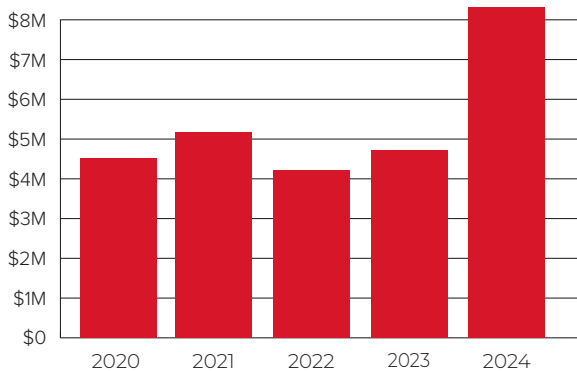
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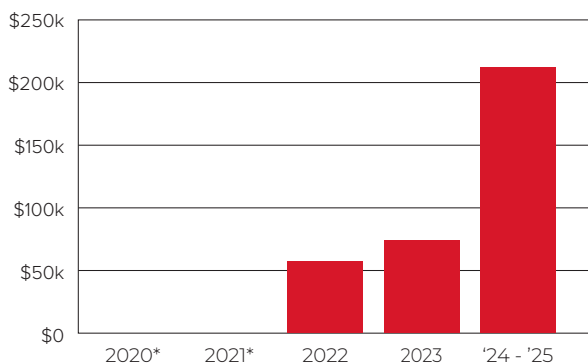
	GENERAL FUND	EARMARKED SCHOLARSHIPS*
Contributions Received (1995-2024)	\$1,943,059.24	\$1,600,650.00
Securing Our Future campaign	\$3,173,183.87	
Disbursements to Schools	\$731,543.86	\$1,105,786.00
Expenses	\$292,978.21	\$0.00
Current Value	\$6,526,346.29	\$1,602,565.17
Gain / Loss	\$2,434,625.25	\$1,107,701.17

*Earmarked Scholarships are Specified Funds for the Cornelia Gardewine Scholarship and Jim & Kay Jansen Scholarship

YEAR END TRUST VALUES

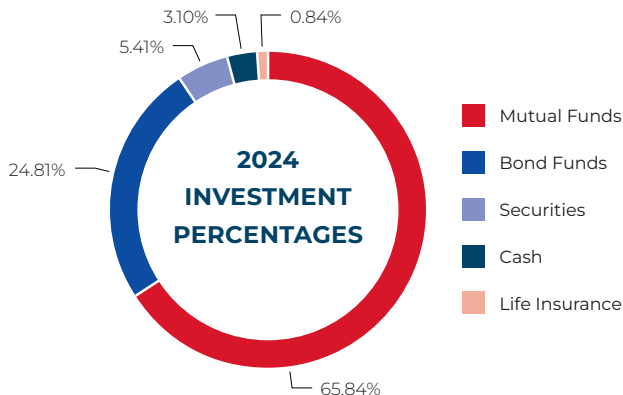
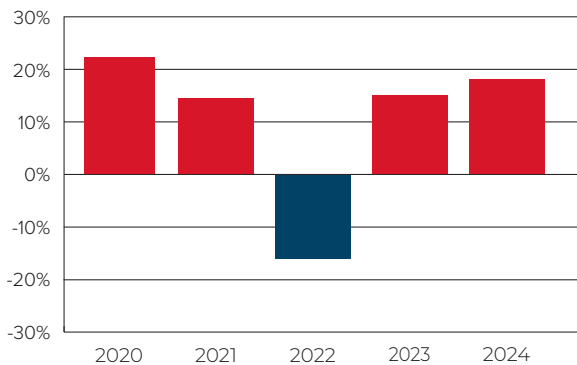


DISTRIBUTIONS TO ST. ANTHONY SCHOOLS



*St. Anthony Schools Declined Distribution in These Years

YEAR OVER YEAR % PROFIT/LOSS



Tuition Changes

Tuition costs naturally rise from year to year due to inflation, operational expenses, and the growing needs of our schools. While these increases are necessary to maintain the high standards of Catholic education at St. Anthony Schools, one of the Trust's primary goals is to help keep tuition rates as low as possible by providing sustainable funding that offsets costs.

2000-2010

10%

Average Yearly Increase

2010-2020

4.2%

Average Yearly Increase

2020-2025

2.9%

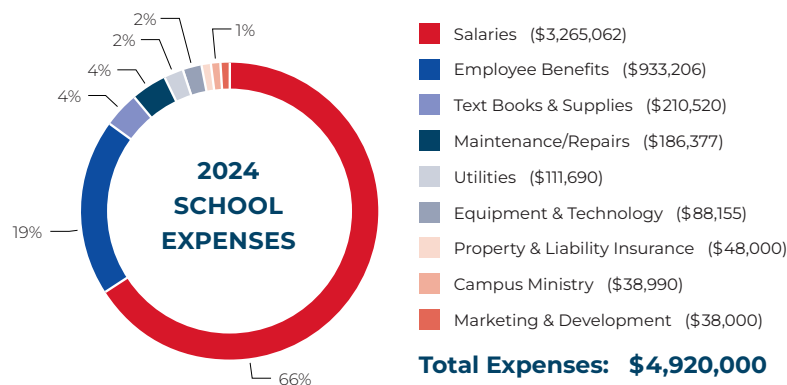
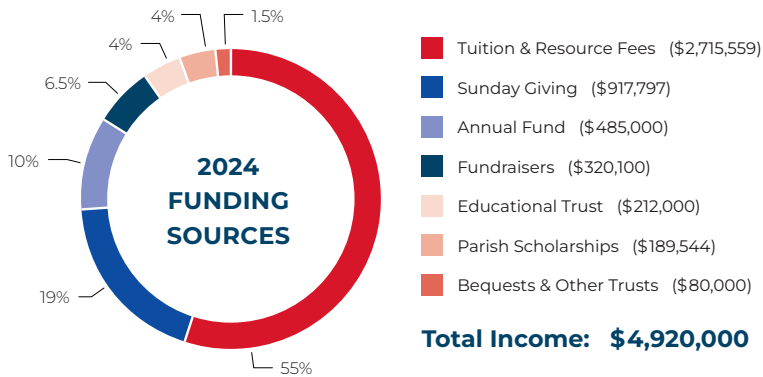
Average Yearly Increase

2025-2026

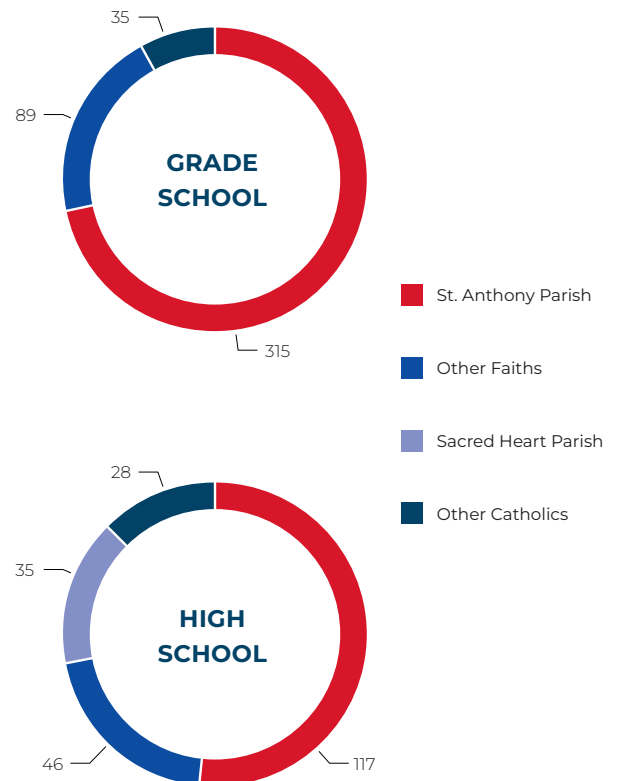
Without the success of the "Securing Our Future" campaign and the additional distributions from the Educational Trust, tuition increases would have been approximately **10-15%** for the 2025-2026 school year.



SCHOOL FUNDING AT A GLANCE



STUDENT POPULATION BREAKDOWN



Campaign Results

The "Securing Our Future" fundraising campaign aimed to raise \$5.5 million in support of our St. Anthony Catholic Schools. The goal was to build the Trust to ensure that access to quality Catholic education and formation remained attainable for our parish families and beyond. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our Parish and local community, we have far surpassed that original goal, with many donations pledged for years to come.

SECURING OUR FUTURE.

\$ 10,313,260

This money pledged over the next five years helps to ensure that our mission to provide quality Catholic education remains strong for generations to come. Through these pledged funds, we can continue our commitment to maintaining stable tuition rates while expanding our scholarship and tuition assistance programs.

With this incredible commitment, we are not only safeguarding affordability for current parish families but also building a foundation that will bless future students and their families for years to come.

520 DONORS

The success of the "Securing Our Future" campaign was made possible by the heartfelt generosity of our donors. Each contribution, no matter the size, played a vital role in helping us surpass our goals and is a direct investment into the minds of tomorrow's leaders. This remarkable show of unity reflects the shared commitment of our community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to this transformative effort.



A Letter From Fr. Harman

Dear Friends of St. Anthony Catholic Church and Schools,

As we close this chapter of our Securing Our Future Capital Campaign, I am moved by the incredible outpouring of support from our parish, alumni, and community. This campaign has been a remarkable journey, one that reflects the deep love and commitment so many of you have for our schools and the mission they serve. It is a joy to share this moment of celebration with you.



To our entire fundraising team, led by Paul Koerner, I extend my heartfelt thanks. Your dedication, creativity, and tireless work have been the driving force behind this campaign's success. Your efforts have been a true gift to St. Anthony Schools.

To all who have contributed—whether through a financial gift, a pledge, or your prayers—thank you. Your generosity is a powerful expression of your belief in the value of Catholic education. Every gift, no matter the size, has played a vital role in helping us reach this milestone. As I've often stated, "It is not how much, but how many." The widespread participation in this campaign is a testament to the shared vision we hold for our schools and the families they serve.

The funds raised through this campaign will directly impact our ability to keep tuition affordable for all families. By expanding our scholarship programs, we are ensuring that financial barriers do not stand in the way of a Catholic education. This is a mission that requires sacrifice, and I am humbled by the sacrifices so many of you have made to support it. Together, we are ensuring that families can choose an education rooted in the teachings of the Catholic faith, forming disciples who live out the Gospel in their daily lives.

Our schools are more than just places of learning—they are vibrant communities where our Catholic faith is taught, lived, and celebrated. Here, students are formed not only academically but also spiritually, learning to serve others with compassion and to embrace their calling as disciples of Christ. Your support allows us to continue this sacred work, and for that, I am deeply thankful.

As we look to the future, I am filled with hope and confidence. With your continued prayers and support, we will ensure that St. Anthony Schools remain a beacon of faith and a place of opportunity for generations to come. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

With sincere thanks and prayers,

Fr. Peter Harman | Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

What began as an ambitious vision for St. Anthony Schools has blossomed into an extraordinary testament to our parish family's generosity and dedication. Through the remarkable support of our 520 donors, we have not only reached but surpassed our initial aspirations.

This tremendous outpouring of support demonstrates our community's unwavering dedication to Catholic education. Each contribution and pledge, from every one of our donors, has helped create this milestone achievement—establishing an enduring legacy that will ensure Catholic education remains within reach for generations of St. Anthony students to come.

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