EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
Dear Friends,

Our world is in great need of wisdom, knowledge and understanding. We are in need of individuals that courageously live out their faith in leadership positions, and in all walks of life.

At Holy Family School, we are raising up a new generation of young men and women destined to be tomorrow's leaders. As their faith guides them each day through classes and school activities, they grow spiritually and excel academically, against all odds. God is giving his children what they need for today, and the future - wisdom, knowledge and understanding.

The accomplishments of our Holy Family students, this year more than ever, are the direct results of your faithful prayers and generous giving. Excellent test scores, unprecedented parental support, expanded teacher training, 100% acceptance of our students into high performing high schools – these outcomes continue to position Holy Family as an academic leader in Chicago. We can not do it without you.

The Annual Report 2018 is dedicated to you, and to your unwavering belief in our students, as they gain the wisdom, knowledge and understanding needed to navigate the days ahead.

Holy Family prepares students for the future. You provide the incentive and support they need to be successful, and we are truly grateful.

Come visit us soon, and share in the excitement of our bright, talented and joyful students, as they welcome you warmly to Holy Family!

On behalf of our children,

Daniel Badovinac
Chair, Board of Directors

A MESSAGE from our Board Chair Dan Badovinac

The Lord gives wisdom;
from Him comes knowledge and understanding.

—Proverbs 2:6
Ten years ago, the Holy Family Ministries Center opened on West Arthington Street in North Lawndale, to provide a permanent home for Holy Family School, Adventures in Learning after-school program, and at that time, HFM’s newest program, Little Learners Academy. The Center was the result of many years of planning and outreach to hundreds of generous donors who said YES! to the Building Hope Capital Campaign.

On Sunday, September 16th, Holy Family hosted our 10th anniversary of Building Hope, again greeting and thanking those who made it all possible. Nearly one hundred guests came from near and far to share in fellowship and fond memories, as they raised their glasses to toast the Center. Hosting the event were Dr. Susan Work, CEO at the time of the Campaign, and Joe Pringle, Campaign Chair. Susan and Joe shared their memories of the campaign years, joined by former Principal and current CEO Cheryl Collins, and Chaplain Leslie Hunter.

A highlight of the afternoon was a heartfelt speech by alumna Lundyn Davis, who attended Holy Family School in 2006 and shared the challenges faced in the previous school building. She invited the guests to close their eyes and imagine an old structure in disrepair, with cracked green and white floor tiles in the classrooms, old wooden doors, and peeling white paint. Then she spoke of the opening of the new Center, inviting guests to open their eyes and see the “dawning of a new day” for her and her classmates. The Holy Family program building stands as it did then, as a beacon of hope to the community, and its families.

The 10-year celebration continued during the week, with students singing a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday" to honor their beloved building. Thank you to all of our HFM Donor Family, who saw the campaign through to its shining finish, all for God's glory. 

Come visit soon!

Pictured above: (left to right)
Chaplain Leslie Hunter finds his younger self on the HFM timeline
Long-time HFM friends Char Elder and Tom Ernst are welcomed by new CEO Cheryl Collins
Dr. Susan Work, CEO Emeritus, welcomes Holy Family School alumna Lundyn Davis, with Building Hope Campaign Chair and Board Alum Joe Pringle
Cynthia Schmidt, Chief Development Officer, greets HFM friends Cindy and Fred Acker
Board Member Carl Fisher and his wife Linda celebrate with Board Member Dave Olson, General Contractor for the building campaign, and his wife Jeanmarie
Holy Family School – Kindergarten through eighth grade

The surest way for children to rise out of poverty is through education. At Holy Family, every child receives a competitive, rigorous academic education that prepares students to be accepted at high performing high schools, rather than attend failing high schools in their home neighborhoods. Each year, our graduates attend some of the most prestigious college preparatory high schools in the Chicago metropolitan area.

In 2018, we once again had a 100% acceptance rate at high performing schools such as Whitney Young Magnet High School, Northside College Prep High School, Noble Academies, Providence St. Mel High School, and Christ the King Jesuit College Prep. We are especially pleased that two of our recent graduates were accepted at The Latin School of Chicago on four year scholarships!

Little Learners Academy – Preschool ages 3 and 4

Little Learners Academy serves 80 children in an experience-based program based upon early childhood education “best practices”. Children learn behaviors and develop cognitive skills needed to make a successful transition into kindergarten. Most important, children acquire basic skills in the early primary years critical to future academic success.

83% of our Little Learner graduates this year again scored “ready” or “above ready” in a nationally-normed kindergarten readiness test.

Adventures in Learning – After-School and Summer programs

Academic tutoring, art, music, drama, dancing and sports all make up a highly successful program that provides inner city children with opportunities for new adventures, all year ‘round. This year’s curriculum included the study of aviation, health, farming, and peace studies, all delivered wrapped in a unique character-building program. Adventures in Learning (AIL) serves more than 100 students after school, and nearly 200 students during the summer. A safe place, a fun place, a place for children to explore and discover – that is Holy Family! After participating in the 2018 summer program, 80% of campers surveyed said

— I feel better about myself and my future
— I stayed out of trouble, away from violence and I made some good decisions
— I stood up more for what I believe

The Peace Exchange – Leadership Development and Speaking Peace

The Peace Exchange develops young leaders (Peace Builders) in principles of peace and non-violence, and presents these principles to children and youth throughout the city of Chicago. After traveling to India last year, our Peace Builders spent 2018 sharing lessons learned regarding peace and nonviolence in presentations to more than 1,000 youth throughout Chicago. Recruitment began for 7 new Peace Builders in the fall of 2018, who will travel to Rwanda. Speaking Peace, a key component of The Peace Exchange, officially launched in 2018, reaching nine hundred students in seven schools in the spring, and a hundred more in the fall. This four-session, five-hour program, delivered to middle-school students touches on social-emotional learning skills and teaches tolerance, responsible decision-making, and nonviolence.

Photo from Facebook At Gurudwara Shri Bangla Sahib.
TOGETHER we make an impact

Students Star on Different Drummers Show

Eighth grade students Omar Allende and Caleb Watson-Wright along with Cheryl Collins, CEO, were featured on a segment of Different Drummers. The show is Chicago’s spotlight on contemporary values, interests, and talents of youth and young adults, produced at CBS Studios and available on YouTube.

Students spoke of Holy Family’s strong academics, welcoming environment, and the spiritual nature of Holy Family School. These are some of the reasons students achieve acceptance into strong, high-performing high schools. For example, Omar and Caleb both received full scholarships to attend the prestigious Latin School of Chicago.

Different Drummers also highlighted Holy Family’s Peace Exchange program. Program Manager Henry Cervantes, Holy Family School alumna Jaylen McBride and a member of the Peace Exchange and Peace Builder Jailene Valenzuela talked with the show’s host about the training they received in The Peace Exchange program, including their recent trip to India to study peace.

2018 FISCAL YEAR Financial Summary — Year Ending December 31, 2018

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I am a 2005 graduate of Holy Family School. When I started at Holy Family in 1998, I realized that I loved the school, even though I was getting in trouble because I was very talkative. But rather than complaining about my behavior, my teacher met with my parents and told them that my talking was a result of my being gifted. They came up with a plan that kept me working more on different projects, which stopped me from distracting the other students! **Holy Family sees children for what they can become** and helps to bring out the best in them.

During middle school, we had the opportunity to go to museums, ski trips, baseball and basketball games, and Washington D.C. as part of our learning experience. We even went to camp at Lake Geneva where we learned about God, how to treat other people, how to work in groups, and how to challenge ourselves. **Because of all of these experiences, I am not afraid to try new things.**

I know great rewards come after hard work—this was instilled in me by my teachers and through various experiences at Holy Family.

Holy Family taught me the skills I needed and prepared me for success at a very competitive level. After graduating from Holy Family, I went to Walter Payton College Prep High School, and then the University of Arkansas on a full academic scholarship. After my graduation, I enrolled at Life University in Marietta, Georgia, and I now work as a chiropractor at my own clinic in Alabama.

My story is just one of many success stories - we have doctors, teachers, engineers, computer technicians, business owners, entertainers, and more. **Because we had teachers who loved us and wanted to see us succeed, as well as generous donors that cared about investing in our future, we were given the opportunity to make a real impact on the world.**

The students of Holy Family have big dreams. In my 8th grade year, we started reciting a student mission statement every morning. This statement has remained with me because it embodies everything that Holy Family is, and everything I still try to incorporate into everyday living. The final line says that we are ...**“to do God’s work and accomplish miracles, and be the best we can be, each and every day.”**

_Miracle Pitts, Spring Benefit 2018 Reach for the Stars Alumni Speaker_

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Holy Family Ministries once again received the highest rating from both of these recognized authorities in 2018.

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**We provide opportunities for children and adults from Chicago’s underserved neighborhoods to excel academically, grow spiritually, expand life experiences and become effective leaders.**

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