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FACE

Family Aid - Catholic Education

Director's Reflection

You are His body, His hands and His feet



As the new academic year begins, I am reminded of St. Teresa of Avila's words: "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours." In this spirit of service and community, the families and children who receive the precious gift of education would like to express their profound gratitude for your steadfast support - being Christ's body, hands and feet.

Thank you for answering God's call to serve His children through education. Your generosity has created ripples of change that will be felt for generations.

Because of your support, 521 students have received life-changing scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year!

Terri Porter

These aren't just numbers - they represent dreams unlocked, potential realized, and futures brightened. Your contribution is directly shaping the lives of young people. Each scholarship nurtures a soul, supports a family, and strengthens a community through faith and learning.

As we look to the future, we're filled with hope and determination to not only foster these students, but the more than 1,000 qualified students who also await the opportunity that a FACE scholarship can provide. Your continued support fuels this vision.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Guided by faith, you are not just funding education - you are nurturing souls and investing in the future of our community.

**With blessings and gratitude,
Terri Porter, Director**



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SAVE THE DATE!

Don't miss these opportunities to share and celebrate the lifelong gift of a Catholic education!

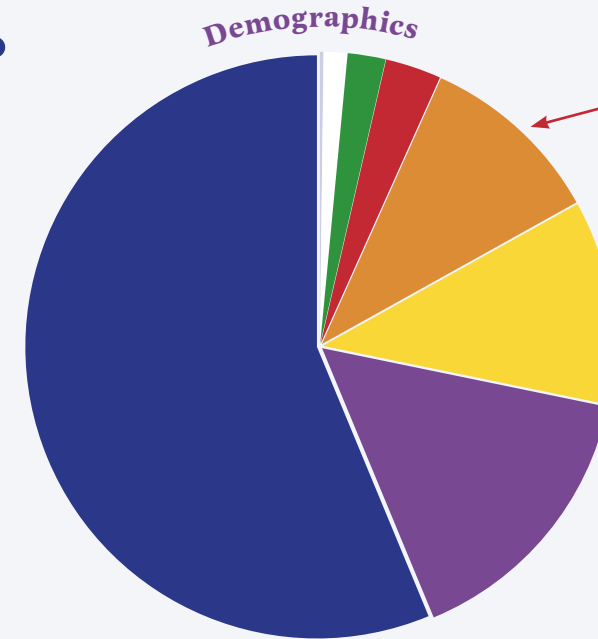
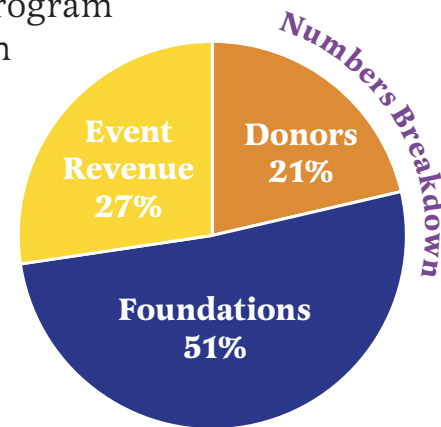
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GIVING TUESDAY

MAY 03 2025

Annual FACE Gala
An Evening of Scholarship
Blackhawk Museum
Danville, CA

Your support launched the Family Aid-Catholic Education (FACE) program in 1978. Your gifts have been providing access to quality Catholic education for underprivileged children across Contra Costa and Alameda Counties for forty-six years, changing countless lives for the better through education and formation.



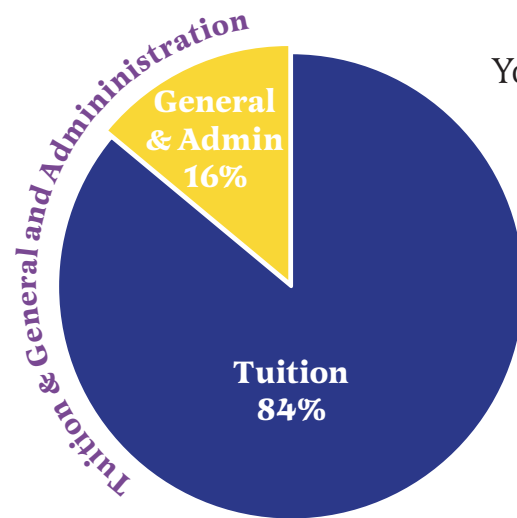
The Student Population Served by FACE Through Your Gifts & Generosity

- American Indian/Alaskan Native: <1%
- Middle Eastern: 1%
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 2%
- Other: 3%
- Asian: 10%
- White: 11%
- Black or African-American: 16%
- Hispanic, Latino or Spanish: 56%

"We just wanted to thank you for all the financial aid you've provided through the years. God knows that without your help, we could not afford to provide a religious education to our children. May God bless you always."

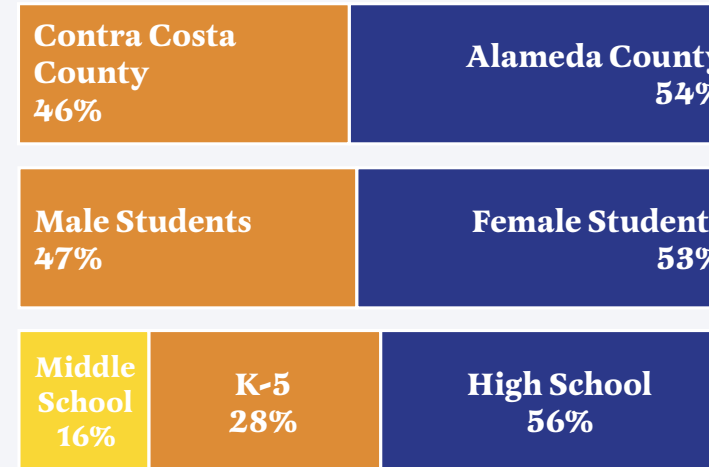
Gloria Chavez & Saul Alvarado, Abigail - 6th grade & Diego - 4th grade
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception School

Over the decades, your gifts have helped FACE build partnerships and strengthen community ties to assist an increasing number of deserving students and their families within the Diocese of Oakland.



Your long-standing commitment contributes to the program's resilience, adaptability, and enduring impact so that the lives of children, their families, and the community can be transformed through education.

Your generosity funded \$1.65 million of scholarships, supporting 521 students!



Confirmation Project to Fund FACE Scholarship Keeps on Giving

Five longtime friends – Jacob Dartez, Jason Haberstroh, Gian-Luca Deneroff, Jack Suryan and Hayden Barnes – were preparing for confirmation at St. Isidore Parish in Danville last year. They joined forces to fund a scholarship for FACE and raised more than \$10,000! Their efforts support two scholarships in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Oakland this year.

The young men, all students at De La Salle High School in Concord, are now working on raising funds for scholarships that will be offered in their senior year. The group plans to mentor other young people who will continue the project after they graduate, so that more students can receive a Catholic education: the gift that lasts a lifetime.

Named Scholarship Students



Laurynn Taylor, 6th Grade
Saint Leo the Great School



Galilea Topete, 10th Grade
Cristo Rey De La Salle High School



OUR MISSION

To provide tuition assistance that enables diverse low-income children to attend Catholic schools and help families break the cycle of poverty by supporting access to quality Catholic education in the Diocese of Oakland encompassing the two counties of Alameda and Contra Costa.

OUR VISION

By partnering with our generous supporters to award scholarships to deserving families, we are providing the young students of today the opportunity to rise above their economic challenges. This investment will inspire the next generation of active and engaged community leaders of tomorrow.

"When our eldest was about to start Kindergarten we had a huge decision to make: Catholic school or public school?"

Catholic school was the dream; however, we were concerned it would not be possible because of the cost. The school assured us not to worry, and to apply for aid through the FACE grant. We were incredibly blessed with the amount of aid we received. Now, both our girls attend Catholic school with the help of FACE providing us aid year after year. Thank you!"

Jennifer & Paul Holland
Margaret - 1st Grade
Sophia - 3rd Grade
St. Catherine School



Thank you!



Yvonne & Wendall Chin
Jordan Chin - 9th Grade
Holy Names High School

"In today's world and society, having access to an education grounded in values of compassion, kindness, enlightenment, and growth, empowers our daughter to fully imagine a new Kingdom."

We are deeply grateful for the support that FACE has provided, easing the burden so that our daughter may receive the blessings of such an education at HNHS."

#grateful

Through FACE, you affirm the power of education to transform lives.

We welcome YOU to join us in easing the burden on students and families.
Make a gift today to support a scholarship and transform a life through Catholic education!

Make a gift:



oakdiocese.org/face-donation

Darren Thompson, 9th Grade
Bishop O'Dowd High School



Named Scholarship Students

Mattea Branco, 5th Grade
Our Lady of Grace Catholic School



Andrew Garcia-Valencia, 8th Grade
St. David School



Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.

St. Francis of Assisi

