The AES Crestwood Foundation, Inc.

Annual Report of Giving

2021-2022

THE AES CRESTWOOD FOUNDATION, INC.

OUR MISSION

Recognizing that the strongest schools are built on the strongest foundations, Annunciation School established the Annual Fund in 2014 to ask our alumni and parishioners to participate in the support of the school. The AES Crestwood Foundation, Inc., a 501(C)(3) charitable organization, was launched in 2017 to ensure that Annunciation School will always be able to continue its mission of educating students in a Catholic tradition of excellence.

The goals of The Foundation are to provide funds to sustain and expand existing programs, create innovative new initiatives, support the professional development of the faculty and staff, keep tuition affordable, and to create a fund that will provide support for the school in future years to ensure its continued growth.

We understand that, with a strong "Foundation," Annunciation School will be able to continue to provide the same quality Catholic education, to have the same independence and to graduate many future generations of alumni who will continue to make us proud.

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Thank You for Your Generosity!

Dear Loyal Supporters,

This year, as The Foundation celebrates its milestone 5th anniversary, we are deeply thankful for the generosity and support of our 300+ donors. Since inception, The Foundation has distributed over $135,000 in grants to Annunciation School and is fast approaching $700,000 in market value.

Your generous donations support a variety of education and well-being initiatives, and as The Foundation continues to grow, larger grants will be awarded. This year, The Foundation made a $35,000 grant to fund six programs for the 2022-23 academic year. The Foundation once again funded a part-time school counselor for the academic year. A math instructional specialist was hired to support teachers and students in grades 3-7. The Foundation also subsidized a summer math intensive workshop series for the 7th and 8th grade students. Because it is important to invest in our faculty's professional development, The Foundation provided a grant for teacher training, and an additional stipend for teachers who want to upskill outside of school hours. In addition, grants for enhanced security measures and emergency tuition assistance were approved to assist in keeping the school safe and helping families during unforeseen circumstances.

Our goal for this year's Annual Appeal is $140,000 with the aim of continuing to break fundraising records as we build financial security for the school's future. There is nothing incidental or insignificant about the task! Annunciation School continues to thrive with strong enrollment and academic enhancements. With your continued help, The Foundation stands ready to help ensure that Annunciation School will meet that challenge well into the future. We are counting on your support to make this year's Annual Appeal an overwhelming success.

Sincerely,

Laura Finneran

Laura Finneran
President

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Friends of Annunciation:

How can we even begin to thank you for your generosity? We are constantly in awe of the support you give to our AES Crestwood Foundation. We would like to share with you just exactly how your donations go to work for the betterment of the community school we all know and love dearly. Without your support, we would remain status quo, which many of our counterparts are forced into due to lack of funding. Because of you– we are thriving, and we are eternally grateful.

This year, we have hired an incredible professional to support us in the field of mathematics. Across the nation, students were impacted negatively by the pandemic both academically and socially. This inevitably ended up leaving major declines in student growth and achievement in math. We have observed the trends and data among our own student population and have been working to address any visible gaps. We feel that math is a content area that needs special attention as we embark on our journey to build back better. Our instructional specialist will work directly with our administrative team, teachers, and students, to realign the way math instruction is implemented in the classroom.

While gearing towards this initiative for the 22-23 school year, we were able to offer an optional summer math intensive camp for our middle school students. Our students who did attend the program had nothing but positive feedback to share and felt that the summer math instruction gave them confidence to move to their new grade. Learning was not isolated to our students over the summer —our math teachers in Grades 5-8 also spent time immersing themselves in professional development. We will continue to have seminars dedicated to fine-tuning our mathematics instruction throughout the year.

As educators, we are lifelong learners. With the help of The Foundation, we have been able to offer small stipends to our educators when they are taking personal time to participate in professional development seminars. No dollar amount will ever express how grateful we are to be partners in education with our esteemed staff. Our school and our students are the direct benefactors of their continued commitment to education.

School safety is an integral part of our growth of programming. We allocated over $5,000 of our grant to add to our existing safety protocols and to increase security measures at school. We are in the process of updating and strengthening our security systems, and we have created new opportunities to secure our building in the event of an emergency. We have also developed a strong relationship with our local police department to strategize emergency response situations.

The funds that The AES Crestwood Foundation generates makes all of this and more possible. We are fortunate to have you in our corner, helping us to grow and thrive as a Catholic school in Westchester. Thank you for all that you do to continue to make Annunciation School the most desired elementary school and the heart of our community.

Best,

Caitlin Liberatori

Caitlin Liberatori
Principal

Financial Support Remains Strong for Annunciation School

Annunciation alumni and supporters continue to show their steady commitment to the health and longevity of the school. As a result of a number of campaigns throughout the 2021-2022 fiscal year, $136,000 was raised for The Foundation from over 300 gifts. An impressive and significant accomplishment and quite a way to celebrate Annunciation School's 80th birthday!

In terms of the campaigns, annual appeal letters were mailed in late November, and the yearly December challenge to raise $35,000 was met and surpassed, as it has been each year since The Foundation's inception in 2017.

The next big campaign focused on the Feast of the Annunciation in March. For the third consecutive year, the effort kicked off with a $5,000 matching gift challenge that resulted in $18,000 raised via 57 gifts. The Foundation continues to be humbled by how special the Feast is to alumni and supporters who consistently make this a tremendously successful campaign.

The next large-scale fundraiser was the month-long Class Representative Campaign which launched in April. Similar to last year, more than 50 enthusiastic and dedicated alumni ambassadors reached out to their classmates with a "small" ask. Fifty-two donors responded, resulting in gifts of more than $8,000. Special thanks to the class of 1977 for bringing in the most support, though the class of 1974 was not far behind!

Young, incoming families to the school continue to be strong, new donors. Also, over the past couple of years, grandparents have come forward with first-time donations — along with notes praising the quality of the education their grandchildren receive. In addition, alumni with children who are enrolled or have graduated from the school continue to be one of the largest groups of financial supporters.

Sincerest thanks to all who contributed to The Foundation over the past year. We pray that we can continue to count on your support. Please know: Your generosity ensures the success, vibrancy, and longevity of Annunciation School, and it directly benefits the students who have an even rosier future because of your big-picture thinking and long-range approach.

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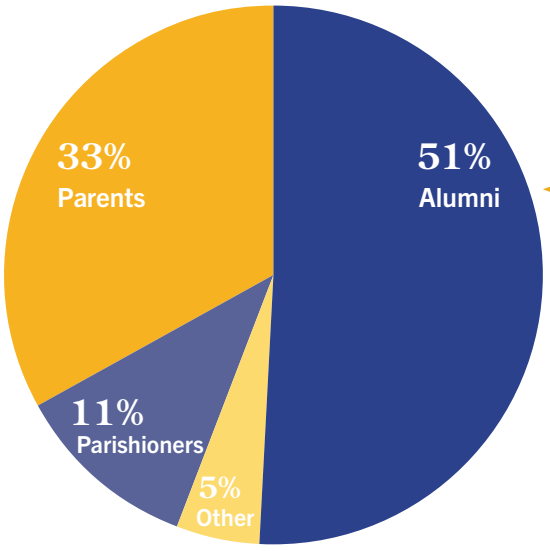
2021-22 DONOR GIVING AT A GLANCE



21% of donations came from Alumni who are also school parents.

Thank you for supporting our students and our mission!

Memorial and Honorary Gifts

Remembering Friends and Loved Ones with Your Giving

Each year, donors to The Foundation make gifts in honor and in memory of their friends, family, teachers, and fellow alumni. The following individuals inspired others to make gifts to The Foundation in their memory.

In Honor of The Class of 1977
Patricia and James White

In Honor of the Feast of the Annunciation
Laura Finneran
Angelo Squillante '18
Francesco Squillante '21
Jennifer and Neil Squillante
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In Memory of Vincent and Florence D'Alessandro
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In Memory of Michael DeSola
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Aisling and Ryan DeSola '96

In Memory of Maria and Anthony DiStasio
Maria DiStasio '74

Who will you remember or honor with your gift to this year's Annual Fund?
Donate now!

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Donovan
Angela Donovan '57 and Eugene Donovan Jr.

In Memory of Georgina and William Ennis
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Karen Gormley-Vitale '71

In Memory of Grandma Luisa and Grandpa Amerigo and "The Griz"
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In Memory of Joseph and Helen Manarino
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In Memory of William McCafferty '49
Sheryl Weireter McCafferty '71
Brian Murphy '71

In Memory of Stephen M. Melnyk
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Suzanne Melnyk Tripp '81

In Memory of Maura Molloy '74
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In Memory of Marie and Greg Spero
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In Memory of Allie Sullivan '07
Josephine Sullivan*
Katie Angelilli '78 and Daniel Sullivan '78

In Memory of Constance P. Trainor
Joyce Trainor Altieri '55

In Memory of Michael White '05 and Sean White '07
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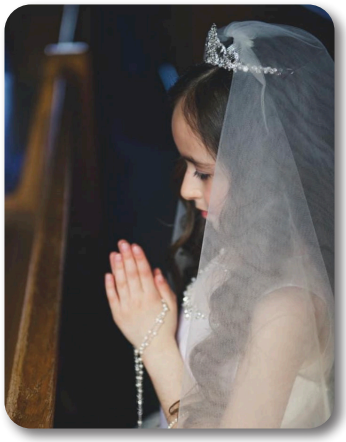

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Congratulations to the Class of 2022

The Class of 2022 marked the 80th class to graduate from Annunciation School. Our graduates continue to excel and attend top schools in our area. The Class of 2022's 40 graduates look forward to attending Archbishop Stepinac High School (3), Cardinal Spellman High School (1), Dominican Academy (1), Fordham Preparatory School (7), The Harvey School (1), Iona Preparatory School (5), Maria Regina High School (6), The School of the Holy Child (5), and The Ursuline Academy (11).

Our graduates collectively earned over $600,000 in academic scholarships from our Catholic high schools, and 26 members of the class were inducted into the Annunciation Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, the requirements of which included maintaining a 95% average or above in all subjects for the entirety of the school year.

This spring, the NJHS partnered with Quest for Peace, an organization dedicated to providing the world's neediest with used goods, and dedicated themselves to a Lenten service project providing humanitarian aid to children in need in Nicaragua. Supported by generous donations from the community, the NJHS packed school supplies, toys, sports equipment, and 250 pieces of handcrafted jewelry made with love by our students for shipment to orphanages in Nicaragua.

We congratulate the members of the Class of 2022. May God bless them and continue to watch over them as they make their mark upon on this world!

"As the class of 2022 prepares to say goodbye to AES, we look back on all of our memories. Our class has always made some of the more difficult parts of school fun. Though middle school has seemed different because of Covid, together we all made it work. The whole Class of 2022 has had a blast during our time as students at Annunciation School. For years to come, we will cherish the memories we have made. I can honestly say that we are all extremely prepared to go to high school and continue to grow in athletics, academics, patience, faith, and love. We will continue to grow as children of God, something Annunciation School taught us about from a very young age. We know how to open our minds and hearts to the love God has for us. We speak for the whole class of 2022 when we say that we will always cherish and value our experiences, memories, friendships, and teachers from Annunciation School throughout our lives.

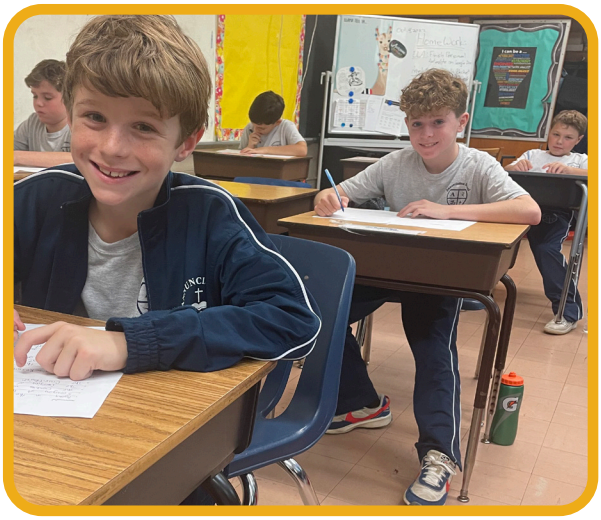
We are beginning to prepare for our graduation from Annunciation School, a second home to many. We will embark on new adventures, and we trust that God will guide us in everything we do. There is a tremendous amount of that bittersweet feeling, which is growing stronger each day as we inch forward towards our graduation day. As we set out on this new journey, we have much gratitude for having grown up in such a wonderful place, filled with passionate teachers who make learning fun. They inspire us to be the best version of ourselves possible. Annunciation School has raised the class of 2022 from young toddlers who were struggling to recite the alphabet and learning how velcro shoes work, into intelligent well rounded young women and men. Thank you, Annunciation School, and congratulations to the Class of 2022!"
– Fiona Fahy '22 & Grace Recine '22

Did You Know?

As a result of generous donations from Annunciation School alumni, families, and friends, The AES Crestwood Foundation has been able to provide the following enhancements for our students:

- Addition of a part-time school counselor
- Part-time Mathematics Specialist
- Asynchronous Google Level 1 and 2 certification coursework reimbursement for our faculty
- Tiers 1 and 2 of Fundations systematic learning program to enhance fundamental spelling, phonics, and literacy skills
- The purchase of Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment Kits
- New library carts for all classes
- Professional development in Fundations, technology, and mathematics
- Safety training for teachers, including CPR/AED training and other safety protocols
- Replacement of classroom Smart Boards
- Learning materials and educational kits
- Security updates for the building
- Emergency tuition assistance for families

The above is just a small snapshot of the numerous programs and enrichments that The Foundation has been able to provide since its inception.



Reflecting With Gratitude On The Past Five Years

5 Years of Consecutive Giving

The individuals named below have made Annunciation School a giving priority and have contributed annually consecutively since the inception of The Foundation. Annunciation School and The Foundation are very grateful for their loyal and continued support.

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Reflecting With Gratitude On The Past Five Years

Matching Gifts Make An Impact!

Your gift to The Foundation can be doubled or tripled if you or your spouse's employer offers a matching gift program. We thank the following donors for taking the extra step to have their gift matched by their company.

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"Enclosed please find a donation in thanksgiving for the fine Catholic education my grandchildren, Eddie and Annie Minson, are receiving at the Annunciation School."

– Margaret Minson, current grandparent

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Maryellen Walsh '69
Alexandra Wills

"Please accept this donation for the AES Crestwood Foundation. I am forever grateful for the solid Catholic education I received at Annunciation School. The teachers I had, both lay and religious, allowed me to make lifetime friendships while developing my mind and character. Our Class Representative, Michael Salvati, has been a wonderful rep for our class of 1965. Best wishes for all the blessings in store for Annunciation in the years to come."

– Patricia DeStasio Greiner '65
(Gift made towards Class Rep Program Campaign)

*We pray for our donors who have passed this year.

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Why I Give

"The Annunciation School is the foundation of the Crestwood community. The school connects all of us and instills in our children the values that set them up for success. Being part of Catholic education is important to our family and the Foundation enables the school to continue to deliver a quality education that adapts to the changing environment. We are honored to support The Foundation and take comfort in knowing that The Foundation is there to support the administration, faculty and students of Annunciation School."
–Jeff and Valeria Gallotta, Foundation board member, current parents and parishioners

"Simply put, Annunciation School is a special place. While academically rigorous, the environment creates deep-rooted faith and lasting friendships. My children have been blessed with devoted teachers and look forward to school each day. They are eager to get involved in parish activities and service opportunities. AES is preparing them to be deep thinkers with strong Catholic values. We are proud to donate annually to The AES Foundation to help foster the intellectual strength and moral values for future generations. We want to ensure this unique community is there for our children's children to enjoy."
– Kristen and Glenn McDermott, current parents and parishioners

"The Annunciation School and its Parish have been nothing but welcoming since we moved into the Crestwood community. My husband and I both received a Catholic education growing up, and we believe in the core values it instills at an early age. We are pleased to support The AES Foundation in their endeavors and have full faith that the contributions received will touch the lives of many." –Brian and Janice Costigan, current parents and parishioners

Why I Give

"I am proud to be an alumni parent, alumni grandparent and current grandparent to four Annunciation students. Simply put, joy, faith, and a love of learning radiate from the Annunciation School building. It is my honor to support The Foundation to help ensure that the treasure that is Annunciation School continues to thrive for generations to come."
–Florence DeSola, current grandparent, alumni parent and grandparent and parishioner

"We are proud to support Annunciation School and The AES Crestwood Foundation. The school and community have helped mold our daughter into a young adult rooted in faith, with the confidence and maturity to face the challenges ahead in high school. We are excited about the formative years ahead in AES for our son, who is entering 7th grade, and is thrilled with his friends, his teachers, his sports teams and all the extracurricular, community-based, faith-building activities that the school offers. We are proud to support The Foundation to help provide other families with the blessings the AES community has brought ours."
–Maura and Gerry Andrews, parents of alumna, current parents and parishioners

Leading with Love

This year's teacher spotlight recognizes middle grade teacher, Melissa Hollywood, who was featured in the March education issue of Westchester Magazine for all that she brings to the classroom. The article described how Hollywood, who lives in Crestwood and teaches ELA to grades 5 and 6, knew from her earliest days that she wanted to teach and be the kind of teacher who "leads with love," she is quoted as saying.

Believing that children learn best when they feel secure, understood, and loved, Hollywood said that she shares details about herself in the classroom, hoping that students will see her as a person, not just a talking head. "I want to get to know each child, and I try to build a rapport with them so they feel at ease and respected," she said.

"Bringing the curriculum to life" in a way so that students don't even realize they are fulfilling their academic requirements, she gets them to enjoy writing via the creation of a class magazine, original Christmas stories they present to the Kindergarteners, business letters to local and big-name corporations, and the drafting of screenplays that they watch with popcorn and an Oscars-style awards ceremony. "They are shrouded in talent, and it's my job to help them uncover it," she said.

A lifelong Yonkers resident and the mother of two students in the school, Hollywood noted that the best educators show they care. "To me, that's such a natural thing," she said, confirming that teaching is so much more than just a job, and that Melissa Hollywood is a shining example of why Annunciation School is so special.

Prioritizing Students' Well-Being

A Note from Our Catapult Learning School Counselor, Jasmin Seabrook

I thoroughly enjoyed working with the faculty, staff, and families of Annunciation School last year, and I am very excited to be back again this year. I have a student-centered approach to counseling, and my aim is always to work collaboratively with teachers and parents to help students maximize their capacities academically, socially, and emotionally. Last year, I met with students in individual, small groups, and classroom settings. In individual counseling sessions, the students and I worked on S.M.A.R.T. goals which are specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound. I helped students with things such as study skills, test-taking skills, organizational skills, self-regulation, transitioning skills, and interpersonal skills to assist in building positive relationships with peers, adults and the community. In small groups, some topics were emotion management, stress management, friendships, problem-solving techniques, and self-esteem building activities.

I also went into the classrooms and worked with each grade on healthy choices, mindfulness, communication skills, friendships, and coping mechanisms. I look forward to another successful year of helping students develop their skills, achieve their goals, and meet their fullest potential. Dr. Seuss once said, "To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world." As I look into the eyes of every student at Annunciation School, I am reminded daily of this fact. It takes a village to help students succeed in their journey, and I am very thankful to be welcomed into the village and community we have at Annunciation School!

Class Representatives at Work

Our class representatives play a vital role in the Annual Fund effort of The AES Crestwood Foundation, helping to raise critical funds for the school by encouraging participation-based gifts from classmates and fellow alumni.

Alumni from the 1970's swept our Class Rep Campaign with all 5 of the top donating classes coming from the same decade:

1. 1977
2. 1974
3. 1976
4. 1973
5. 1975

Started in February 2019, the class representative program has reconnected alumni from every generation with each other and to The Foundation. These 50+ ambassadors currently represent most of the classes from 1948-2011. Annunciation School is lucky and grateful to have the support of generations of alumni and is always willing to welcome them back to where their education began, friendships were formed, and faith was taught and strengthened.

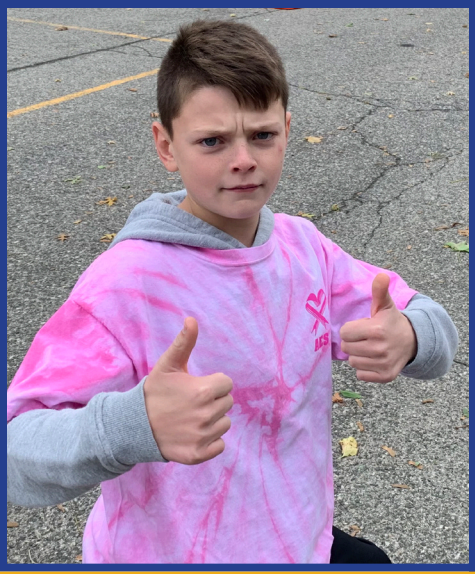
From the beginning of the program, our class representatives demonstrated enthusiasm and dedication in reaching out to their fellow classmates on behalf of The Foundation. Many began a class exchange sharing memories, stories and jokes! The Class of 1964 began sharing current photos and complimenting each other on how wonderful everyone looks. They also used the correspondence as an opportunity to begin planning a Thanksgiving weekend dinner date!

The Class of 1991 used it as an opportunity to begin planning their 30th year reunion. Although continuing Covid-related concerns and guidelines forced them to postpone the event, the desire to reconnect remains, and the goal to plan a summer barbeque in the playground has not been abandoned. Class of 1991 class representative, Tracy Merritts McCue aptly captures the spirit of a 'class rep' when she says, "It is an honor helping such a wonderful Foundation reach their alumni donation goal each year. It truly is an enjoyment being a class rep. Each year, I look forward to saying hi to old friends by composing an email to my classmates requesting that they give back and say thank you for the amazing memories that AES provided to us."

Each year our class representatives reach out to their classmates with a "small ask," and an overall goal of raising $10K for the campaign, and each year we surpass our goal. Through the efforts of our dedicated class representatives, we have raised over $30K since the inception of the program – a true testament to the lasting impact Annunciation School has made on its graduates.

Feast of the Annunciation Challenge Gift: $18,000 Raised

One of our generous supporters once again issued a matching gift challenge in honor of the Feast of the Annunciation: matching every Feast donation received dollar for dollar up to $5,000. Our community rose to the occasion. Not only did we raise over $13,000 for our school in just a matter of days, but we ultimately raised a total of $18,000 in honor of the Feast of the Annunciation. Thank you to all who accepted the challenge!



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Gifts By Check should be made payable to "The AES Crestwood Foundation" and mailed to us at:
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Tuckahoe, NY 10707.

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Gift From Your Retirement Account
Recently signed legislation, Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act, permanently extends the IRA Charitable Rollover Provision. The provision allows individuals who have reached age 70½ to donate up to $100,000 to charitable organizations directly from their Individual Retirement Account (IRA), without treating the distribution as taxable income.

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Make It A Match and increase the value of your donation by including a corporate matching gift. Did you know that matching gifts from your employer is an easy way to double your gift? Every gift to The AES Crestwood Foundation, Inc. helps to fulfill our mission. Matching gifts from corporations are a substantial and welcome way for donors to help The Foundation obtain additional funds. Matching gifts help to maximize your gift and the impact it will have. To find out if your company has a matching gift policy, please contact your Human Resources Department. If your company is eligible, request a matching gift form from your employer and send it completed and signed with your gift. We will do the rest. The impact of your gift to The Foundation may be doubled or possibly tripled!

Planned Giving: The Monsignor Dugan Society

As a graduate of Annunciation School or as a parishioner of Annunciation-Our Lady of Fatima, you are a beneficiary of the vision of the founder of our parish, Msgr. Timothy Dugan. It was his inspiration, and the donations of many past parish families, that has led to the wonderful school and beautiful churches that we have today. To honor his leadership, and in his memory, we have created The Monsignor Dugan Society, a way to gift money to The Foundation through planned giving. By remembering The Foundation in your will, you will ensure the continuation of Catholic education for our students. Please consider including The Foundation in your estate planning.

Members who have made arrangements in their will to become part of The Monsignor Dugan Society will be recognized in The Foundation's Annual Report each year. When gifts are completed, the society member's name will be inscribed on a plaque in the school, recognizing their contribution to the school's long-term financial health.

Class of 1975 alumna, Mary Theresa Gill McCombe, stands as the society's first member. Reflecting on her fond memories and decision to include Annunciation School in her will, Mary Theresa explained, "Annunciation School was a very special place for me in terms of an education as well as friendships and special memories. It was so special, that my husband and I decided to raise our children in Crestwood so that we could send them to Annunciation as well. It is for this reason that I have chosen to include Annunciation School in my will. When I am long gone, I hope that the school will still be providing an excellent Catholic education. If my parting gift helps to make that possible, I will feel that I have 'paid it forward.'"

For more information, or to notify us of your membership, please contact Laura Finneran at 914-671-6906.

Annunciation School History

The story of Annunciation School begins with the founding of Annunciation Parish in 1931. Father Timothy J. Dugan, the parish's first pastor, is credited with starting the school. He bought a house, now the Convent, to use for the first school. He arranged for the Dominican Sisters of Newburgh to teach at Annunciation. The principal, Sister Francis Rose, and one other sister taught all classes — kindergarten to third grade. A year later, Father Dugan bought the house next door for the upper grades. The first graduation was held in 1948 and was made up of 16 students — seven boys and nine girls.

Father Dugan began raising money to expand the much needed school building. Phase one of our present day school was finished in 1951 (at a cost of $267,000). On March 23, 1952, the Westchester Avenue section of Annunciation School was dedicated by Francis Cardinal Spellman, who blessed each classroom.

As the Parish continued to grow, so did the school. By the early sixties, the basement church was converted into 4 classrooms. Since there were over 600 students (200 in the lower Church) and several grades had over 40 students, a new building was clearly needed. The parish began a building drive and raised $500,000 to build a two story, 10 room wing. This project was completed by 1960 in time for Annunciation's 700 students.

Since then, Annunciation School has graduated over 4,000 students, with the current enrollment of 415 being the largest in our area. Our graduates have gone on to attend Catholic, private, and public schools, including some of the most prestigious high schools in New York.

Annunciation School Mission Statement

The mission of Annunciation School is to enhance and strengthen spiritual values while educating students to the highest standard of academic excellence. We are committed to inspiring students and encouraging them to move forward in pursuit of their fullest spiritual, academic, social, and emotional potential.

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