

SAINT RAPHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

Q: IS THERE ANY CHANCE THAT OUR GIFT COULD BE MADE ANONYMOUSLY?

A: Yes. When you send your contribution, be sure to let us know that you would like it to be anonymous and we will be happy to honor your request.

Q: MAY WE MAKE A GIFT IN MEMORY OF SOMEONE, OR TO HONOR A SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL, FOR INSTANCE A FORMER TEACHER?

A: Certainly. The advancement office will be happy to discuss either of these options with you. The family or individual will be notified of the gift, if appropriate.

Q: MY COMPANY OFFERS A MATCHING GIFTS PROGRAM. WOULD THE SCHOOL BE INTERESTED IN THIS PROGRAM?

A: Absolutely. Matching gifts are an easy way to double or, perhaps, triple your gift to the school. Please let us know when you contribute, that your company offers matching gifts.

Q: HOW MUCH SHOULD WE GIVE?

A: Only you can decide. We ask you to remember that your contribution, along with those of all our donors, will directly enhance your child's education. We hope that every member of our school community will participate.

Q: IS OUR GIFT TAX-DEDUCTIBLE?

A: All contributions are fully tax-deductible according to IRS regulations.

Q: HOW MUCH HAVE OTHERS GIVEN?

A: Most improvements at our school are the result of previous gifts. As these initial donors have provided for our current student population, we must also provide for future generations. The only gift too small is no gift at all!

Q: HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A: Please feel free to contact the advancement office if you have any questions about the Ignatius Fund or other ways of giving to our school.

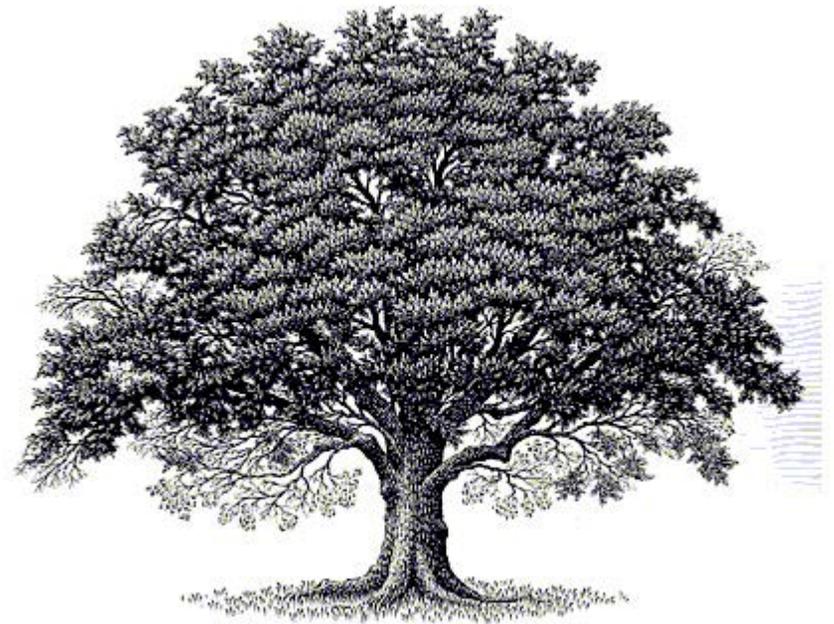
We look forward to a continuing partnership in excellence.



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Charitable Giving



 **THE IGNATIUS FUND**
Answers to Frequently-asked Questions

“TEACH US TO GIVE AND NOT TO COUNT THE COST.”

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

BUILDING ON A FOUNDATION

of charitable giving

The partnership between Saint Raphael Catholic School & Preschool and our families is one that ensures long-term growth and support. This investment in your child's future goes beyond tuition dollars. As a member of our school family, you have joined a long and venerable tradition in education; Catholic schools have served American families seeking the finest education for their children since the 18th century.

Today, more than ever before, we are welcoming families into our school who are new to the Catholic school experience. We would like to take this opportunity to answer some frequently-asked questions about charitable giving and the vital role our families play in ensuring excellence.

Q: WHAT DOES THE SCHOOL EXPECT OF US?

A: In addition to making tuition payments on time, we hope that you will choose to:

- Participate in the Ignatius Fund, to the extent that you are financially able;
- Volunteer for or take part in the special events sponsored by our school and;
- Support the periodic capital campaigns, which are necessary to provide new or improved facilities.

Q: WHY DOES THE SCHOOL ASK US FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN ADDITION TO WHAT WE ALREADY SEND TO THE SCHOOL IN TUITION AND FEES?

A: The cost of a Catholic school education is such that tuition and fees do not cover the total cost of educating each student. As is the case with many other Catholic schools, our development efforts are designed to solicit charitable gifts in order to bridge the gap between income and the actual cost of operating the school.

Q: WHY DOESN'T THE SCHOOL CHARGE ENOUGH TO COVER OPERATING COSTS?

A: If tuition were increased to cover the actual cost of all programs, many families could not afford to send their children to our school. This could mean a drop in enrollment, resulting in a cutback of our programs and steeper tuition increases in order to fund all operations, which would affect your child's education. Additionally, charitable gifts would be even more difficult to obtain given the increased cost of sending a child to the school. This would preclude our ability to finance many of the important campus programs and improvements made possible by charitable support.

Q: WHAT IS THE ANNUAL FUND?

A: Since it is necessary to subsidize tuition income, we must look to charitable contributions from parents, alumni, past parents, grandparents, and friends of our school. The Ignatius Fund is the method used to raise these additional funds. Because we're committed to keeping tuition at a reasonable level, increasing income through gifts to the Ignatius Fund is one way to accomplish this task. **Gifts to the Ignatius Fund are tax-deductible.**

Q: IS GIVING TO THE IGNATIUS FUND UNIQUE TO OUR SCHOOL?

A: No. Catholic schools have long relied upon the generosity and loyalty of their constituencies to advance their institutions. Very few, if any, Catholic schools, colleges, or universities meet full operational costs with tuition alone.

Q: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ANNUAL GIVING TO THE IGNATIUS FUND AND A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

A: The Ignatius Fund giving is designed to offset annual operating expenses; if the gift is pledged, it is generally payable by the end of the academic year.

Capital campaigns are conducted periodically to provide significant funds for additions to endowment, construction/renovation, or extensive equipment purchases. Contributions are generally pledged over three to five years. Capital campaigns generally provide named gift opportunities.

Q: CAN WE MAKE A GIFT TO A SPECIFIC PURPOSE?

A: Certainly. Although the Ignatius Fund seeks unrestricted gifts, if there is a project that you would like to fund, please let us know.

Q: WHY DO YOU ASK PARENTS FOR DONATIONS? THERE ARE MANY FOUNDATIONS AND BUSINESSES IN TOWN THAT COULD SUPPORT THE SCHOOL. DO YOU ASK THEM, TOO?

A: Yes, we do. Our school's advancement efforts include soliciting foundations and local businesses, however, these prospective donors often want to see initial support from the inside before they will commit to the effort.

Q: MAY WE MAKE A CONTRIBUTION OF SOMETHING OTHER THAN CASH?

A: Of course. There are many ways to make a contribution to the school. The advancement office can help you determine what type of gift is most appropriate for your circumstances and the school's needs.