

fall 2003
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Greater Lansing Catholic Education Foundation

GLCEF Mission

- Encourage and support quality Catholic education
- Build strong financial and community support to preserve the tradition of quality Catholic education in the greater Lansing area

Giving Level

\$0 - \$100

St. Nicholas society*
Patron of Children

\$101 - \$250

St. Charles Borromeo society
Patron of Catechists

\$251 - \$500

St. John Baptist de la Salle society
Patron of Teachers

\$501 - \$1000

St. Catherine of Siena society*
Patron of Scholars

\$1001+

St. Thomas Aquinas society
*Patron of Catholic Schools and
Catholic School Students*

* These differ from the Seton Society and St. Peter's Fellowship in that donations to those funds are placed in an endowment and only the interest is spent. ALL CEA funds are distributed on an annual basis.

2003 Catholic Education Appeal

by **Michele Strasz, St. Mary, Williamston**

Parish Representative to the GLCEF Board of Trustees

It is becoming increasingly difficult for area Catholic schools to meet the financial obligations of providing for the education needs of our children and youth, maintaining our facilities, and paying our teachers. Most parishes subsidize the operating budget of the school, but the primary source of funding of Catholic schools is tuition. And for many families, as they balance the household budget, a Catholic school education is simply not an option.

The **Greater Lansing Catholic Education Foundation** (GLCEF) recognizes that the best way to support Catholic schools is to provide financial opportunities to help families cover the costs of tuition. We hope that families of all faiths discerning educational options for their children will see Catholic schools as both a quality and affordable choice.

In 1999, the GLCEF initiated a **Catholic Education Appeal** (CEA) to help fund Lansing area Catholic elementary schools and Lansing Catholic Central High School. In 2002, the GLCEF launched a new vision for its annual appeal. Catholic school families helped kickoff the "new" CEA with a **Coins-for-Kids** drive. Children were also asked to color pictures with a new logo and theme: *Shaping Tomorrow Today—One Student at a Time*.

All money raised during the CEA is used to provide tuition grants to families to attend any of the 15 Lansing region Catholic elementary schools or Lansing Catholic Central High School. As you will read in the Board President's message, this year we will award \$94,000 in tuition grants for the 2003-2004 school year.

We know that quality Catholic schools contribute to the vitality of the Greater Lansing community, helping to make it a great place to raise a family and produce the next generation of citizens and employees.

CEA weekend is September 20-21. Please contribute to the 2003 Catholic Education Appeal (an envelope is included in this newsletter for your convenience.) Last year you increased your giving by over 20% from the previous year's CEA. Our children are worth it—thank you! Your generous support of the CEA and the work of the GLCEF to promote and support Catholic education and provide opportunities for children to grow in faith-filled educational environments is greatly appreciated.



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President's Message

Opening of the school year blessings to you all!

How did the start of this school year come about so quickly? Summers seem to keep getting shorter, yet my colleagues and I on the Foundation Board are eager to usher in the 2003-2004 school year. We greet the new school year with great enthusiasm due to the great success of our 2002-2003 Catholic Education Appeal (CEA).

As you know, last year's CEA was dedicated to providing tuition grants to families to assist with the costs of a Catholic education.

I am delighted to announce that, through the generosity of the entire

Catholic community, we have awarded \$94,000 in tuition grants to

area families who chose a Catholic school education for their child.

Your support greatly appreciated.

We learned a number of things during the inaugural year of our tuition grant program:

1. The support we received from donors to the CEA bore witness to our vision to directly support families in need of assistance to attend a Catholic school.
2. Several outlying parishes not currently members of the Foundation are interested in joining and participating in the tuition grant process.
3. The need is greater than what we were able to meet.

We were thrilled by the response from donors, and challenged by the number of families seeking assistance. As we undertake the 2003-2004 CEA we must strive to increase the number of tuition grants we are able to offer. Again this year, every dollar given to the CEA will be given back in tuition grants to families who choose a Catholic school education for their children. With your continued support we will meet the need.

Fondly,



Denise Sloan, President, GLCEF Board of Trustees

Some Thoughts on Catholic Schools

God Bless Our Catholic Schools!

By Charlotte Voisin

Parents are the first and most important teachers of religion for their children. What is taught in the home, whether deliberately or by example, makes a lasting impression in the minds and hearts of the children. Even after many years one remembers the special religious celebrations and family prayer times spent together. When this same feeling of celebration for religious events and the habit of shared, vocal, prayer is extended to the school day those values become ingrained in one's life.

Growing up, I experienced the beauty—and *mystery*—of the Latin liturgy of the Church. My appreciation was heightened by the Dominican Sisters who taught music and liturgy at Sacred Heart Academy. We were immersed in the celebrations of the Church. I especially remember my high school choir leading the Liturgy of Forty Hours Devotion, the Living Rosary formed by Sodality students in honor of Mary, Queen of May, and the football team at prayer before and after every game. Retreat days and Christian Service projects were incorporated in our school calendar. Church was not only a Sunday activity it was part of who we were as high school teens.

Every school today is faced with tremendous challenges. The need for training students to meet the demands of the modern world is great indeed. How much more important is it then to be sure that young people are well grounded in the morals of the Catholic faith. A strong habit of prayer, a well formed conscience, an appreciation of sacrifice, and the principles taught by the Gospel and the Church will equip students to face whatever challenges come.

God bless our Catholic schools and all who support them.

"Ring a Bell" for Catholic Education

By Lois Courter

Recently I applied for, and was awarded, a generous grant towards my daughter's tuition at her Catholic elementary school. As a single parent, it was a tremendous lift to my spirits. This tuition grant made the difference in our decision to keep her in Catholic school or enroll her in a reputable public school system (where I work).

Twenty years after leaving school to marry and begin a family, I went back to college. As I began coursework, I felt familiar with what I was learning. Writing courses were easier than I expected. Science was a breeze, and even social work courses were "ringing a bell." Soon I began to understand why. The large and looming words in my college texts were familiar because of my high school Latin courses. Term papers reminded me of English and Literature requirements from Grand Rapids Catholic Central. I realized that my understanding of social work was founded with Catholic values.

Today, I am a School Social Worker in Alternative Education. I work with "tough" kids—the kids who have been rejected, thrown out, hurt, and court ordered. To me, each and every one of them is a unique individual whom I don't judge. I work hard to advocate for them and help them become successful.

When my daughter comes home from school with her copy of *"This Is Our Faith,"* I know she is learning to consider the feelings of others, to make choices based on free will, and to stand up for her beliefs.

Catholic education! I wish I could give it to all the children I work with.

Drake Named 2003 Gifted Educator

Sandy Drake, Kindergarten teacher at Immaculate Heart of Mary– St. Casimir School was recently named GLCEF’s 2003 Gifted Educator. Mrs. Drake will be honored on Sunday, September 21, 2003 at 2 p.m. in the Lansing Catholic Central High School auditorium. All are welcome to attend.

The Gifted Educator Award recognizes exemplary faculty and administrators in Greater Lansing Catholic education programs whose multiple contributions include the following:

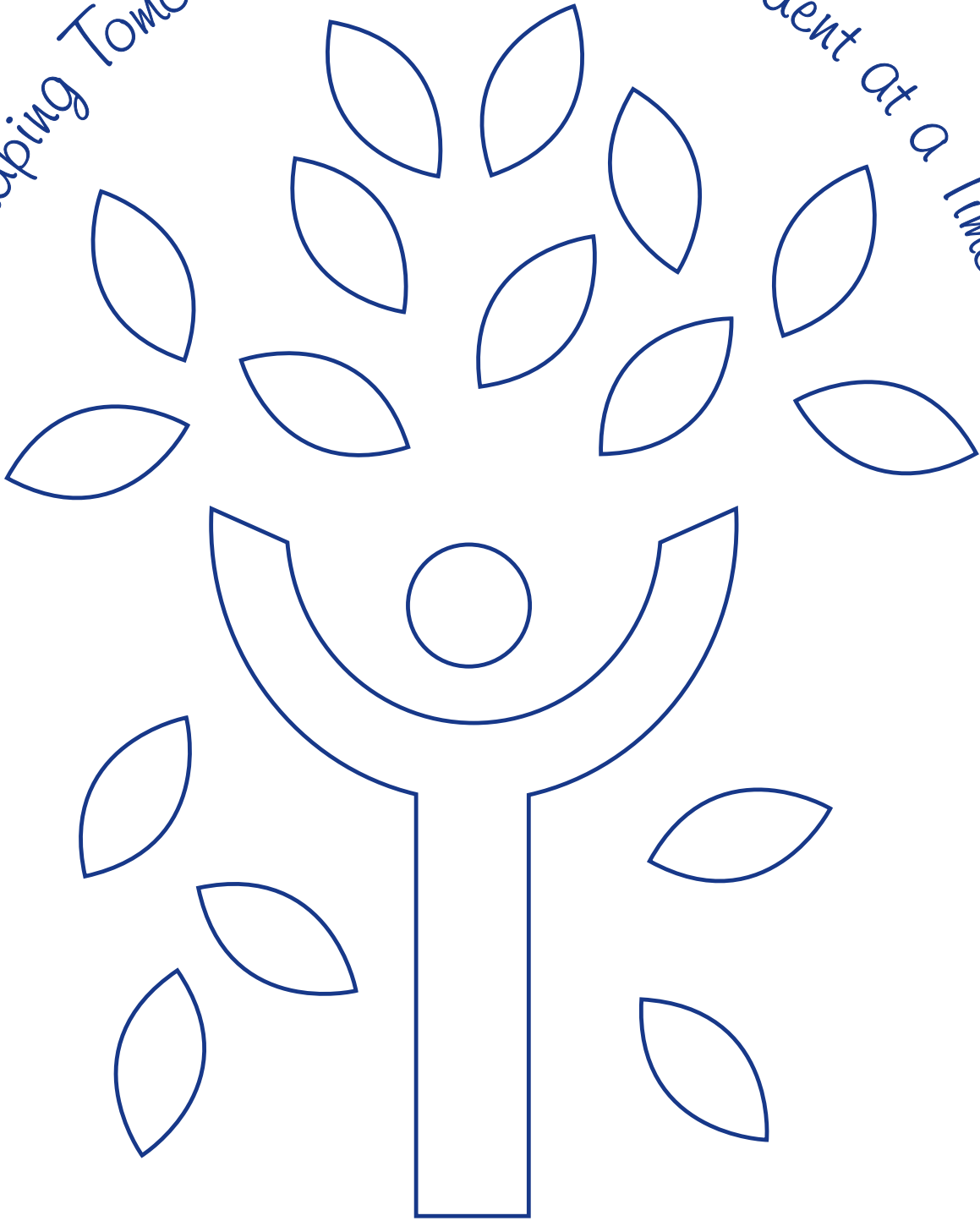
- Developing a practical plan for Catholic education that inspires and motivates students;
- Preserving a sense of order that honors the welfare of the student;
- Demonstrating responsibility and accountability that is a role model for students and fellow educators;
- Maintaining a level of professionalism which is evidenced in an innovative and creative teaching style; and
- Displaying a commitment to students that extends beyond the classroom.

A \$1,000 account is established for the recipient of the Gifted Educator Award. Money may be used at the recipient’s discretion to support their efforts and continued excellence in Catholic education. This may include attending conferences, seminars, or conventions; purchasing materials for their classroom; or various other expenses.



Mrs. Sandy Drake pauses in her preparation for another exciting school year teaching kindergarten at Immaculate Heart of Mary-St. Casimir. Mrs. Drake is GLCEF's 2003 Gifted Educator.

Shaping Tomorrow Today - One Student at a Time



GLCEF Welcomes St. Peter Elementary

Saint Peter Elementary School
(K-6)
515 E. Knight Street
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827
Phone: 517/663-1799
Matthew F. Vokoum, Principal

We believe that each child is a unique creation from God whose talents and gifts need to be developed in a faith-filled environment. To achieve this, we address the spiritual as well as the intellectual components of each child.

Mission Statement

Saint Peter Elementary School provides our children with a solid educational foundation where students are taught our Catholic Faith in keeping with the teachings of the Magisterium, leading to the development of Christian morals and academic excellence.

Spiritual Focus

We surround our children with the rich knowledge, understanding and love of our Catholic Faith, based on the New Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Academic Focus

We educate our students in the necessary intellectual areas in order for them to meet and exceed the requirements for their lifetime careers and vocations.

- We are committed to teaching and imparting our traditional, orthodox, Catholic faith as given to us by the Magisterium.
- We teach our children to look for Christ in each other.
- We provide a solid foundation in the core academic subjects, along with computer education, music, and art.
- Truths of our faith infuse all subject areas that are taught.
- An understanding of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the Liturgy of the Word, as well as examples of virtue in the lives of the saints, is instilled in our students.

2003-2004 School Directory

St. Mary School (K-5)
905 St. Mary Blvd.
Charlotte, MI 48813-2299
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Email: sms@voyager.net
Ms. Susan Marie Davis, Principal

St. Michael School (Pre-K-8)
325 Edwards Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837-2173
517/627-2167
Email:
Mrs. Mitzi Luttrull, Principal

St. Gerard School (K-8)
4433 W. Willow
Lansing, MI 48917-2182
517/321-6126
Email: lyyfnful1@aol.com
Mrs. Lynn Fuller, Principal

St. Mary School (1-6)
209 N. Westphalia
Westphalia, MI 48894
989/587-3838
Email: ml2982@power-net.net
Mr. Ray Rzepecki, Principal

St. Thomas Aquinas School (K-8)
915 Alton Road
East Lansing, MI 48823-2784
517/332-0813
Email: jane.bilas@stachurch.net
Mrs. Jane Bilas, Principal

Holy Cross School (Pre-K-8)
1514 W. Saginaw
Lansing, MI 48915-1353
517/487-6079
Email:
John Fitzpatrick, Ph.D., Principal

St. Therese School (K-8)
2620 N. Turner Street
Lansing, MI 48906-4023
517/482-1634
Email:
Mr. Doug Mumby, Principal

St. Mary School (Pre-K-5)
220 N. Cedar
Williamston, MI 48895-1198
517/655-4038
Email: stmarys@voyager.net
Mrs. Kit White, Principal

St. Peter School (K-6)
515 E. Knight Street
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827
517/663-1799
Email:
Mr. Matthew Vokoum, Principal

**Immaculate Heart of Mary-
St. Casimir School (K-8)**
3830 Rosemont
Lansing, MI 48910-4525
517/882-6631
Email: ihmschool@voyager.net
Ms. Mary K. Dalla, Principal

St. Martha School (Pre-K-8)
1100 W. Grand River Ave.
Okemos, MI 48864-3015
517/349-3322
Email: hillmanh@pilot.msu.edu
Mrs. Helen Hillman, Principal

Lansing Catholic Central (9-12)
501 N. Marshall Street
Lansing, MI 48912-2397
517/267-2100
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Mr. Tom Maloney, Principal

Most Holy Trinity School (4-8)
11144 Kent Street
Fowler, MI 48835-9778
989/593-2616
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Mrs. Marti Maier, Principal

Resurrection School (K-8)
1527 E. Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48912-2239
517/487-0439
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Mrs. Diana Repichowski, Principal

St. Joseph School (K-6)
201 E. Cass
St. Johns, MI 48879-1834
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Mrs. Tomi Ann Schultheiss, Principal

Greater Lansing Catholic Education Foundation Balance Sheet - June 2003

ASSETS

Current Assets

Petty Cash - Office	\$50.00
Cash - Capitol National Bank	38,375.06
T&E Accounts (Diocese)	
<i>Restricted</i>	1,011,463.65
<i>Unrestricted</i>	1,363,814.34
S&L Accounts (Diocese)	
<i>Restricted</i>	61,775.37
<i>Unrestricted</i>	89,904.22
Total Current Assets	\$2,565,382.64

Fixed Assets

Office Furniture & Equipment	34,423.09
Accumulated Depreciation	(23,846.71)
Net Fixed Assets	10,576.38

TOTAL ASSETS **\$2,575,959.02**

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$5,599.58
FIT/FICE W/Holding	1,739.20
State Withholding	250.83
Local Withholding	144.08
2002 CEA Grants Payable	94,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$101,733.69

FUND BALANCES

NetAssets (Endowment)

<i>Unrestricted</i>	1,494,527.31
<i>Restricted</i>	1,299,633.25
Total NetAssets	2,794,160.56

Excess Revenues

Over Expenses	(319,935.23)
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TOTAL FUND BALANCES **2,474,225.33**

TOTAL **\$2,575,959.02**



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2002 CEA Awards \$94,000!

Sending a child to Catholic school requires sacrifices. For many families, as they balance their budget, a Catholic school education is simply not a choice.

With generous support from the entire Catholic community, the 2002 Catholic Education Appeal was able to award \$94,000 in tuition grants, making Catholic education a viable choice for an increasing number of families.

Thank you for your continued support of our effort to expand Catholic education in our community.

