

## Chosen to make a difference

Dear Fatima family,

Chosen to Make a Difference was the theme of the 2020-2021 Year of Grace at our awesome school. It was inspired by the Lord's words, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you." (John 15:16). Commenting on this verse during her address of 26 May 2021, eighth-grade student Maggie Kramer was spot-on when she said, "In a year like this, when many have struggled so much, this verse is very fitting. Jesus appoints and chooses us to love one another and to be with one another, every single day."

Saint Peter the Apostle said at Jesus'
Transfiguration, "Lord it is good that we are here."
(Matthew 17:4). Yes, it is good that we are here at Fatima, centered in Our Lord Jesus Christ and committed to learning and formation in a Catholic environment. The Virgin Mary spoke good words to guide us in making a difference, "Do whatever IJesus! tells you." (John 2:5).

The Lord also calls us to choose Him who is the One who chose us. Joshua said, "Choose today whom you will serve.... As for me and my household, we will serve the

LORD." (Joshua 24:15). In her speech, Maggie brought this theme a step forward when she reminded us to renew our choice daily.

Be assured that Father Korey LaVergne, Father Randy Moreau, and I love all of you and keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

## IT WAS NOT YOU WHO CHOSE ME, BUT I WHO CHOSE YOU.

(John 15:16)



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#### "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit..." John 15:16

During this unusual year, we look back, count our blessings, and look forward with a vision immersed in mission — We are centered in Christ, committed to learning, and called to build character in a Catholic environment. We were Chosen by God to be disciples of Christ. We are appointed to go and bear fruit, the fruit of God's love in good times and in the storms.

Little did we know what we would be called to do, what storms we would face.

Together, and with Christ, we came through the storms to finish an amazing year! We opened on time and remained open. Our students, faculty, and staff are happy and healthy, and we are hopeful for the future.

We received many gifts from this year. We looked for the good in all things. Some things were harder than others, like wearing masks! But I noticed that with masks on, our focus moves to the eyes, the windows to the soul. Making eye contact with the students, faculty, staff, and parents made me aware of beautiful, joyful eyes more than ever before in my life! And have you noticed that with a mask, it's harder to understand people when talking? We had to listen, really listen to each other. And we are listening while looking at the windows to the soul. What a gift! Once again, God made all things good!

We have a vision in which we strive to increase holiness in all we do, continue to provide rigorous and challenging academics, and celebrate each child's individual gifts, all for the Greater Glory of God. Our destiny is to become saints! Because we were Chosen by God to make a difference, all of us at Fatima work together to bring the Kingdom of God to earth.

## "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." Colossians 3:12

Together, we are united in faith and in our mission.

Together, we carry on the Fatima Family legacy.

After all, we are more than a school, we are family, and we are Chosen to Make a Difference.

Mrs. Osaacs, Principal



Our Mission

Our Lady of Fatima School is centered in Christ, committed to learning, and called to build character in a Catholic environment.

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#### THE OLF LEADERSHIP TEAM MADE A DIFFERENCE

What a year! This year we were faced with many challenges, but these challenges presented many opportunities.



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding..." Proverbs 3:5

Trust it was. Our parents and students placed their trust in Jesus Christ, the administration, faculty and staff to carry on the mission of the school.

Our Catholic faith continued to develop and shine throughout the year with Masses, retreats, and daily religion classes. Students were immersed in the best academic curriculum provided by wonderful and caring teachers. The art of teaching and the new wave of teaching through Zoom, Google Classroom, See Saw and many other programs challenged each of us to persevere and succeed.

Our school joined together and everyone played a role in the success of the school year.

#### Mrs. Mary Angelle - Curriculum Administrator

As a member of the Fatima Family for more than 25 years, I am both grateful and humbled. The technology department has grown leaps and bounds over the past seven years. We have applied for the distinction of becoming an Apple Distinguished School. Ninety-five percent of our teachers are Apple Certified Teachers and participate regularly in technology professional development. Our school has taken our rich history with Apple and moved forward on our journey. When I first began in this position, I felt called to move our wonderful school forward in educational technology. We are so blessed to have such wonderful faculty and staff that are willing to learn new teaching strategies to fulfill our students' needs and help them succeed in their future endeavors. I know I was chosen to be at such a wonderful place!

Ms. Meagan Duhon - Director of Technology

The 2020-21 school year reaffirmed that flexibility is the most important quality educators possess. Our teachers and staff not only rose to the challenges, but they also exceeded expectations. Your resilient warriors found new ways to teach, new ways to lead, and new ways to care for our students and their families. Our solutions weren't always understood, nor were they perfect; but our effort was always exemplary. I am proud to be a part of a staff of difference makers.

#### Mr. George Hollier- Disciplinarian

I am blessed with the task of involving the Fatima community in the mission and vision of the school. Our Advancement staff strives to build a sense of community with our families, friends and alumni. This helps us to raise the funds needed to keep tuition at an affordable level for all of our students, to maintain and improve our campus, and to provide educational programs the school could not otherwise offer. During a pandemic, this task was a little more challenging, but not surprising, everyone in the Fatima community rose to the challenge and Fatima prevailed! Our teachers, students, staff, administrators, parents, donors and alumni, stayed safe, strong and our enrollment grew. It has been an honor to serve Fatima school for the last 25 years and the 2020-2021 school year proved that together, we can make a difference in the life of a child.

#### Mrs. Angela Schoeffler - Director of Advancement

During the summer months before a new school year begins, we contemplate and pray about what our focus theme of the year should be. For the 2020-2021 school year we chose: Chosen to Make a Difference along with the scripture reference of John 15:16, "You did not choose me but I chose you."

This was our mantra for the year, a year filled with uncertainty but a year filled with excitement knowing that we were right where God chose us to be, witnessing and sharing God's love to all.

We were constantly reminded that we are CHOSEN disciples of God. We know that genuine discipleship is more a matter of faithful following that requires the courage to expect and respond to the unexpected! Every crisis in life is also an opportunity to turn to our beloved Savior in trust and complete abandonment so as to rest in His merciful hands. To rest in the hands of our Lord means we are secure, despite the uncertainty of life. It means we raise our eyes to Heaven, rather than look down in fear, despite the challenges we face. We turned to St. Joseph in prayer, for his help and protection and to learn from his example how to become better disciples.

We give thanks for the struggles and successes, the moments of joy and peace.

#### Mrs. Lisa Melancon - Religion Administrator









A
DIFFERENT,
BUT GREAT,
YEAR

## OLF TEACHERS MADE IT HAPPEN!

1:1 Devices for PreK3-8

In-person Learning All Year

Provided a Safe & Healthy School Environment During a Pandemic

Cognia Certification Work by Faculty & Staff

**All Teachers Apple Certified** 

**SRO Hired to Protect and Serve** 

Secured Cabbage Patch Parking for Safety & Better Traffic Flow

**Parking Lot Project Approved** 





#### Making a Difference for the Future

The Blue and Gold Campaign is the cornerstone of the Foundation's fundraising efforts. Each year Fatima School makes an appeal for financial support to all alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends. The OLF family is very generous in its support of the campaign. To all who give so generously, we say a very heartfelt thank you! Your participation does make a difference and helps ensure the excellence of a Fatima education. Thank you!

Two new families are now Lifetime Warriors. We appreciate the Berard Family and the Poole family for their support of the Endowment. In the spring of 2020, the Endowment surpassed the \$3,000,000 mark. The interest earned from this endowment makes a difference in many lives!



#### Parents' Club

#### You Make a Difference

Fatima parents always rise to the occasion. Even though many events, fundraisers, and "fun" raisers were cancelled, supporters came together in support of the online auction and raffle.

Online auction raised \$64,664 and the raffle brought in \$69,965 for the school. Other signature Parents' Club successes are the Teacher Luncheons every month and the best Teacher Appreciation Week ever!



#### Cannot be Stopped, Even in a Pandemic

The Alumni Council met every month to keep the Warrior Spirit alive.

The council hosted a
Yearbook Signing Pizza
Party for the 9th graders
in conjunction with the
dedication of the beautiful
Griffin LeBlanc and
Raymond Hannie Memorial
Garden. The Fun Run was
a big success and the
graduating seniors enjoyed
the "Chill Out" social!





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Our closest partners are our donors, who make everything we do possible. We thank them for their deep commitment to our community.

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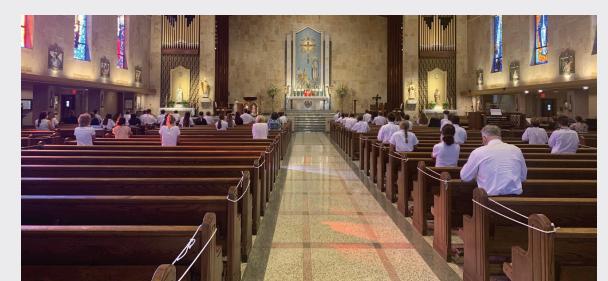
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#### Revenue

Tuition & Fees	\$6,277,329
Afterschool Care	\$161,041
Out of Parish	\$77,205
Perpetual Maintenance	\$87,406
Diocesan Subsidies	\$2,760
Foundation	\$64,914
Required State Services	\$69,665
Interest & Dividends	\$35,528
Technology	\$191,500
Partners in Education	\$96,363
Grants & Donations (Including Foundation Grants)	\$60,862
Parents' Club	\$152,174
Booster club	\$14,000
Athletic - Other (Concessions, Student Participation Fees,Intramurals)	\$63,748
Extra Curricular (Clubs,Yearbook,Alumni,School Play,Student Directory)	\$60,115
TOTAL REVENUE	\$7,414,609

#### Expenses

Revenues Over Expenses

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Employee Salaries	\$4,330,564
Employee Benefits	\$1,372,050
Depreciation Expense	-
Administrative	\$84,227
Instructional	\$283,465
Utilities	\$110,804
Plant Maintenance	\$74,500
Development	\$9,252
Parents' Club	\$57,297
Athletics (Sudent Activities)	\$93,683
Tuition Grants (Scholarships)	\$94,401
Alumni, Clubs, Yearbook, Student Directory, Awards, Website	\$80,941
Computer Technology	\$130,520
Building&Special Projects	\$229,730
Diocesan Tax	\$21,096
Miscellaneous Expense (Loss/(Gain) on Invest., Safe Environment)	\$8,962
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,981,492

\$127,328

#### **Assets**

TOTAL ASSETS	\$9,185,491
Less: Depreciation	\$(3,090,764)
Building & Equipment	\$4,718,048
Investments	\$2,022,867
Prepaid Expenses	\$1,739
Receivables	\$3,611,808
Cash	\$1,921,793

#### Liabilities & Deferred Revenue

Accrued Salaries, Benefits, Taxes	\$444,097
Accounts Payable	-
Unearned Tuition and Fees	\$6,251,592
TOTAL LIABILITIES & DEFERRED REVENUE	\$6,695,689

#### **Fund Balance**

Unrestricted Funds-Prior Year	\$(158,028)
Temporary Restricted Funds - Prior Year	\$2,161,749
Permanently Restricted Funds - Prior Year	\$358,753
Current Year Activity	\$127,328
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$2,489,802

#### **Liabilities & Fund Balance**

TOTAL LIABILITIES,
DEFERRED REVENUE, & \$9,185,491
FUND BALANCE

### Our Lady of Fatima Foundation

#### Assets

TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,150,009
Computers	\$9,506
Marketable Securities	\$2,935,737
Cash Reserves	\$114,274
Cash	\$90,492

#### **Liabilities & Fund Balance**

Liabilities
Fund Balance \$3,150,009

#### **Liabilities & Fund Balance**

TOTAL LIABILITIES & \$3,150,009







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