

CREATION OF THE ST. HILARY SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND: Building a Foundation for Life

Teachers who foster the best in every child. Programs that develop the whole person. An environment where all are welcome. Walking through the doors of St. Hilary School, one senses a call to do more, to be more. This is a place where minds are educated and



hearts are enlightened. A place where lives are shaped.

A two-time recipient of the U.S. Department of Education's prestigious Blue Ribbon award, St. Hilary School serves students in kindergarten through eighth

grade. Children of all backgrounds are guided in building the foundation that will empower them for life.

The school's curriculum challenges and accommodates students of diverse learning abilities and its faculty strives to cultivate the full academic potential of every student. Enhancing the core



For all St. Hilary Parishioners, Friends, and Donors

curriculum are classes in Spanish, French, religion, art, music, physical education and technology. Also available are advanced math classes, an arts-based enrichment program, and a full-service library.

St. Hilary School students have the opportunity to participate in service projects, competitive academic events, extracurricular activities and sports throughout the school year. A state-of-theart computer lab, 60 laptop



computers and SmartBoards in all classrooms put the school on the cutting edge of technology. Guidance, remedial tutoring, speech and hearing therapy, a nurse-staffed clinic, a daily hot lunch program and extended care are among the amenities offered.

All St. Hilary School grade levels consistently rank at the 98th–99th percentile nationally on the lowa Test of Basic Skills. Approximately



98 percent of St. Hilary School students choose to continue their education at a Catholic high school. Schools are pleased to accept St. Hilary graduates, who come to them exceptionally well-prepared for the challenges of high school. Many St. Hilary School alumni have been named to the National Honor Society or become Continued from page 1



As a St. Hilary parishioner, what better gift can you give than to help build a foundation for the life of a St. Hilary student? Please



consider donating to the St. Hilary School Endowment Fund. For more information, please call Diane Sarkis at 330-608-4787.



Crystal Commemoratives An innovative facet of a forward-thinking plan to keep our Parish school funded for the twenty-first century.

These are unique, individually crafted, etched and beveled glass panels, permanently and invisibly bonded to the windows in the connecting hallway between the school and the gymnasium. They are a perfect way to leave a legacy, remember a loved one or celebrate a special event.

Three sizes offer a choice of participation levels, with the two larger sizes featuring bigger typography for the commemoration.

There will be 152 6"x 6" panels available for a donation of \$2,500 each, 72 12"x 6" panels available for a donation of \$5,000 each, and only 54 12"x 12" panels available for a donation of \$10,000 each. If all are pledged, these commemorative panels will help raise over \$1,000,000 for the St. Hilary School Endowment Fund.

The photographic illustration below shows how the completed windows in the connecting hallway will look with all the commemoratives in place. If you are interested in participating, contact Diane Sarkis for more information and how you can get preferred placement.



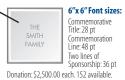
The west set of windows that face the secluded grassy area behind the hallway, between the gym and the school, is a perfect backdrop for the commemoratives. The view is tranquil and easy on the eye, providing the right amount of color and shade to read the inscriptions. And, in the late afternoon, the setting sun lights up the windows, giving sparkle and life to the beveled glass of the panels.

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	/ JOHN SMITH
X	Father of
1	Samuel and Rebecca
	Smith
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12"x 12" Font sizes: Commemorative Title: 48 pt Commemoration Line: 72 pt Two lines of Sponsorship: 60 pt Donation: \$10.000.00 each. 54 available

Born December 16, 1986 to Samuel and Rebecca Smith

12"x 6" Font sizes: Commemorative Title: 36 pt Commemoration Line: 56 pt Two lines of Sponsorship: 44 pt Donation: \$5,000.00 each. 72 available.





PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

Two main objectives for our Parish

It is hard to believe it was a year ago when we last asked Fr. Steven Brunovsky to share his insights about the St. Hilary Parish Foundation. Fr Steve was new to St. Hilary and was in the process of setting goals and planning for the future. Recently, we asked Fr. Steve to revisit those goals.

"Again, I must state how fortunate we are to have a parish foundation, "Fr. Steve began," this resource has contributed over \$1.7

million dollars to our parish and above all, given us the ability to plan for the future with confidence. The Foundation's contributions have been guite significant over St. Hilary's fifty year history."

Fr. Steve elaborated on two main objectives for the Parish, the first being the continued maintenance of physical properties.

"Now that our mortgage is gone, we need to protect our investment and keep our buildings in excellent condition. Recently we repaired the roof, the total cost of which was \$76,000. Our parish foundation contributed \$60,000 of that sum. Without the Foundation, the parish

budget would have had to cover the entire cost of this project." stated Fr. Steve.

Fr. Steve's second focus is the school endowment fund. "This year we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of our church. Soon, we will



commemorate the 50th anniversary of our school. While we celebrate our history, we need to work diligently to build our school endowment," said Fr. Steve, "Despite the increasing cost of Catholic education, a strong school endowment fund enables St. Hilary to spread the cost of Catholic education across many contributors to keep from overwhelming families."

Another resource that will help strengthen the school's future is support of alumni funds. While many opportunities for giving are available, all of the funds help to provide a Blue Ribbon education to this generation and generations to come.

"Many of the alumni of St. Hilary School are now in the position to look back and reflect on the excellent educational experience they received here. As we enter an era of fewer Catholic schools, a strong alumni commitment will allow many more students to benefit from a Catholic education in the future," said Fr. Steve.



Fr. Steve also believes in that our giving legacy as a parish, while always vital, is especially crucial in times like these. As expenses rise, and families are faced with tougher choices, the financial health of the church and school will continue to thrive through the support of the St. Hilary Parish Foundation.

"I invite all interested parishioners to consider a gift to the St. Hilary Parish Foundation. Whether through a memorial gift that highlights a family, an individual or a life event, a gift is a wonderful way to help secure the future of our parish," concludes Fr. Steve.



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:

What we have achieved in 2008 for our Parish

We are hearing a lot about the economy this year. For many families, this year has brought tighter budgets and scaled back spending. We see the affects everywhere, including at St. Hilary Parish. In times like these, we are fortunate to have an institution like the

Refurbishing

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Joseph and Mary, a donation

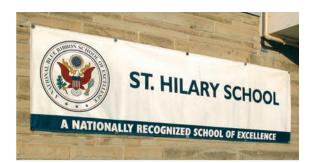
from an anonymous donor

St. Hilary Parish Foundation to help our church and school move forward. We are grateful to our thoughtful donors, who understand the promise of the Foundation and who, through their generous gifts, have given us all the ability to keep our momentum going and our faith strong.

St. Hilary took on projects, both large and small in 2008. We shored up the church's physical structure by repairing the roof and replacing the kneelers.



Construction of underground garage at the rectory through the generosity of Dan Marchetta, Sr.



2008 Scholarships through the Carlson Scholarship Fund and the Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Fund, and additional funding for teacher salaries through the Teacher Salary Fund

St. Hilary School kept up its tradition of excellence with a renewal of the prestigious Blue Ribbon School designation.

> When I think about all these achievements, I feel inspired. The people of this parish always find a way to reach out with prayers, advice, support and generosity in times of need. Everything we accomplished at St. Hilary this year beautifully illustrates the abundance God has given us and exemplifies the spirit of giving back, even during times of great financial turmoil. Our successes were made possible through generosity of those giving through the offertory, tuition and through gifts to the St. Hilary Parish Foundation.

> The Foundation is especially important in the coming year as we all weather a tough economic environment. In times like these, the Foundation needs your help more than ever to keep providing for St. Hilary's growth and progress. Established 32 years ago to help secure the

long-term strength and stability of the Parish, the Foundation assures that upcoming generations will have the same benefits and opportunities through St. Hilary that we have.

We achieved a great deal in 2008, but there is much left to be done. Please continue to support the Foundation. We are grateful for gifts large and small and we recognize that your generosity has a lasting impact.

New kneelers in the church and new red song books

The Kevin Neff **Scholarship: Making a difference** to Nancy Joyce

In May 2005, St. Hilary 7th grader, Nancy Joyce, became the first recipient of the St. Hilary Parish Foundation Kevin Thomas Neff Scholarship. The award still touches her life years later.

The Kevin Thomas Neff Scholarship was established in honor of Kevin Neff, a 2000 St. Hilary graduate who passed away due to an inoperable brain tumor at the age of 16. The recipients of the scholarship are chosen based on criteria that reflect the ideals that Kevin lived by – commitment to social, spiritual and academic growth along with steadfast faith and the ability to be Christian role model.

At the closing of the 2005 May Crowning Mass, St, Hilary School principal, Dr. Patricia Nugent, gave a presentation about Kevin's life and announced Nancy as the first recipient of the scholarship. Peggy and Mike Neff, Kevin's parents, were there and gave Nancy a gift that included a W.W.J.D. (What would Jesus do) bracelet. Nancy still wears a bracelet to honor Kevin's memory.

Reflecting back Nancy says, "At the time, I realized that the award was prestigious and I was so honored to have been selected. However, it wasn't until after I had the opportunity to get to know Kevin's story and his family better that I really understood what the award was about."

While still at St. Hilary School, Nancy was inspired to help carry on Kevin's memory. She became active in the Kevin Thomas Neff Memorial Volleyball Tournament, which helps fund the scholarship. When Nancy made her confirmation a year later, she chose the name Kevin.

Although Nancy graduated from St. Hilary School in 2006 and moved on to Walsh Jesuit High School where she is currently a junior, she did not leave Kevin's legacy behind.



Nancy shared, "This award has had such a strong influence on my life in so many ways. It doesn't seem like an award as much as it seems like an amazing gift. Kevin's philosophy of strength and honor has been a driving force for me when I struggle with school, friends, sports, family, or anything else. Also, I am so inspired by Kevin's family. They are the strongest people | know. Whenever | feel like something can't be done. I think about Kevin and the Neff family, and it helps me get through. I feel so lucky to have had the chance to meet the Neff's and learn more about Kevin's story."

Three years after her award Nancy continues to reflect Kevin's message of using your faith to achieve great things. She is president of her junior class and maintains a 4.2 GPA. She is also a high school state champion varsity tennis player and a member of the varsity lacrosse team. Nancy continues to give back to the community through her service work at Catholic Social Services in downtown Akron and active membership in Junior Leadership Akron.

Today, Nancy is also joined by subsequent winners of the St. Hilarv Parish Foundation Kevin Thomas Neff Scholarship in remembering and furthering Kevin's legacy. This includes Matthew Schwenning (2006), Matthew Reinke (2007) and this year's recipient, Molly Reilly.



2008 KTN Recipient, Molly Reilly, with parents, Maureen and Thomas Reilly



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Every effort has been made to accurately record our list of donors. We truly apologize for any omission.

Where are we going and what does the future hold?

In times like these... the U.S. dollar and our personal investments are suffering. In times like these... our financial markets have taken a huge downturn. In times like these... our St. Hilary Parish Foundation remains strong.

How does the St. Hilary Parish Foundation buck the trend? The return on investment on a St. Hilary Parish Foundation dollar is



truly beyond measure.

Take for example a simple St. Hilary Parish Foundation scholarship dollar. The direct measure, in terms of monetary value, is the input of monies placed directly into the school

budget. The obvious outputs are: a child receives a guality Catholic education, teacher salaries are paid and our Blue Ribbon school operates. The intangibles are the blessings – the student becomes a longterm contributing member of our community while the teachers and the school contribute to the local economy. Both the tangibles and intangibles reflect a positive community gain on a Foundation dollar.

On a larger scale, look at a Foundation dollar spent on a capital improvement item like our recent roof construction project. The dollars put into the project went to local businesses through contractors and suppliers. Again, while our Parish will provide HUGE intangible benefits with a new roof, our Foundation dollars are impacting our community economy in a positive way.

Community foundations like the St. Hilary Parish Foundation are a small portion of all foundations, a mere 1 percent of all foundations nationwide. Yet, these types of foundations are responsible for over 9 percent of overall foundation giving. If we take that 9 percent and couple it with the economic impact foundation giving creates, the St. Hilary Parish Foundation has become a key part of the economic

activity in not only our faith community but also our community in general.

Miraculously, regardless of the current financial climate, foundations are setting record levels of giving-not only on a

global level but at our local

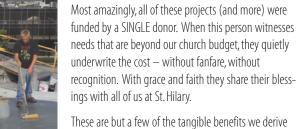
level as well. The generous supporters of the St. Hilary Parish Foundation are quietly setting records as well.

These silent givers insist on anonymity but they are boldly reflected throughout our parish.

When the carillon chimes the hours and we stop for one unhurried minute, we should thank a St. Hilary Parish Foundation donor.

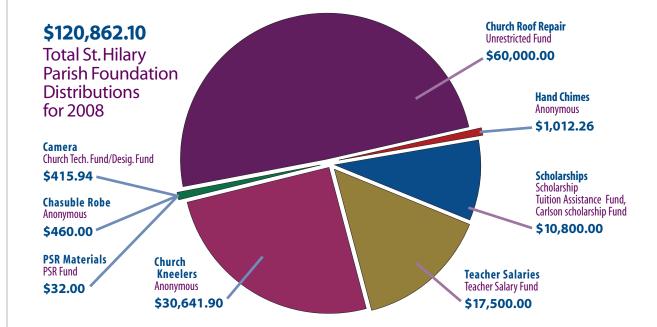
When we reflect in prayer at the beautiful statues of Joseph and our holy mother, Mary, we should thank a donor.

When we kneel in worship on our new church kneelers, we should thank a donor.

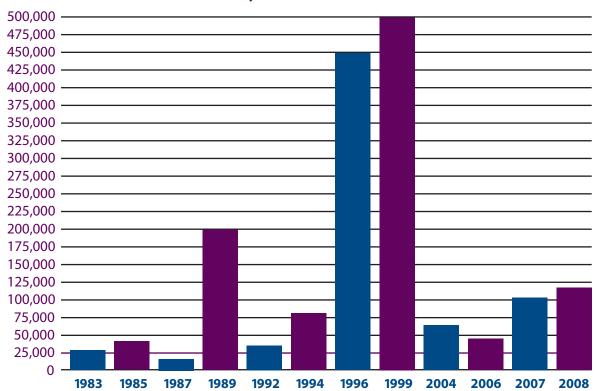


These are but a few of the tangible benefits we derive from projects funded, wholly or in part, by the St. Hilary Parish Foundation. The giving required to support these projects is overwhelming, and yet the number of projects funded grows every year and...

In times like these... this level of giving is what will sustain us through hard times and what will nurture our growth in going forward

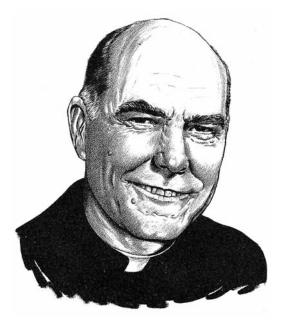






ST. HILARY PARISH FOUNDATION GRANT DISTRIBUTIONS FROM 1983 TO 2008

DATE	DETAIL	AMOUNT	YEARLY	DATE	DETAIL	AMOUNT	YEARLY
6/1/83	Gym Roof, Parking Lot	30,000.00	30,000.00	1/5/07	Smart Boards	5,887.00	
5/1/85	Church Roof Repairs	43,000.00	43,000.00	2/22/07	Church Laptop	907.94	
6/1/87	School Roof Repairs	17,500.00	17,500.00	5/3/07	Horning Hall Screen	3,685.32	
10/11/89	Spiritual Center	200,000.00	200,000.00	5/3/07	Installation of Screen	1,600.00	
11/6/92	Computers for School	33,563.00	33,563.00	5/15/07	Scholarship	500.00	
6/13/94	Spiritual Center Elevator	20,500.00		5/18/07	Bed	272.78	
9/27/94	Church Roof Repairs	17,400.00		6/3/07	Scholarships	1,500.00	
9/27/94	Rectory Renovation	40,000.00	77,900.00	6/5/07	Playrights/Props	924.80	
12/19/96	Capital Fund Drive	450,000.00	450,000.00	6/25/07	Tuition Assistance	5,379.92	
7/15/99	Capital Campaign Gym	500,000.00	500,000.00	6/27/07	Tabernacle for Rectory	2,432.94	
1/5/04	Mobile PC Lab	25,152.66		8/15/07	Community Outreach	5,000.00	
5/17/04	Beds	300.00		8/13/07	Rectory Patio	7,500.00	
10/13/04	Spiritual Center Roof	40,200.00	65,652.66	9/14/07	Football Uniforms	2,500.00	
6/8/05	Scholarship	500.00		9/29/07	Refurb. Mary/Joseph Statues	6,800.00	
6/7/05	Scholarships	1,600.00		11/30/07	Church Carillon	6,200.00	
6/27/05	Tuition Assistance	5,000.00		12/1/07	A/C Media, Computer Rooms	33,933.00	
2/16/05	Gym Acoustical Treatment	29,207.80		12/21/07	Smart Boards	16,783.00	101,806.70
2/20/05	School Roof Repairs	11,792.20	48,100.00	1/21/08	Church kneelers, deposit	14,697.40	
6/1/06	Sidewalk Repairs	2,500.00		2/22/08	Hand Chimes	1,012.26	
8/29/06	School Restrooms	12,941.00		2/27/08	Scholarships	9,000.00	
8/29/06	Spiritual Center Tables	7,735.17		3/25/08	PSR Materials	32.00	
10/27/06	School Windows	11,000.00		4/7/08	Teacher Salaries	17,500.00	
2/22/06	School Safety Doors	7,711.00		4/17/08	Camera	415.94	
6/1/06	Scholarships	1,000.00		5/30/08	Scholarships	1,800.00	
6/3/06	Scholarship	500.00		6/10/08	Chasuble Robe	460.00	
6/13/06	Tuition Assistance	7,500.00		7/29/08	Church kneelers, balance	15,944.50	
6/13/06	Scripts for Musical	559.81		9/11/08	Church Roof Repair	60,000.00	120,862.10
7/28/06	Church Video Screen	858.40	52,305.38	Total Distributions To Date			\$ 1,740,689.70



The Father Horning Legacy Society

Legacies are woven of many threads – our acts of service, the lives we touch, and the ways we support and sustain our beliefs and values.

The St. Hilary Parish Foundation can help you shape a legacy of hope for future generations. We are dedicated to helping donors achieve their long-term philanthropic goals. An important part of planned giving is ensuring that your contributions will continue to support your charitable interests for generations to come. Donors who have made long-term commitments to the St. Hilary Parish Foundation through planned or deferred gift arrangements become members of the Father Horning Legacy Society.

If you have remembered the Foundation in your will or as a beneficiary of a life insurance or retirement account, please let us know so we can welcome you into our Father Horning Legacy Society. If you are considering one of these lifelong legacy options, please contact Diane Sarkis, Development Director at 330-608-4787 for help with your decision.

Make the Gift of a Lifetime: **IRA Charitable Rollover**

Great news for donors in their 70's! The recently signed \$700 billion "Bailout Bill" – The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (H.R. 1424) – includes a two-year extension of the IRA Charitable Rollover provision through 2009.

This special legislation allows owners age 70 1/2 or older to make direct gifts from their IRAs to eligible charitable organizations, including the St. Hilary Parish Foundation, without incurring federal income taxes now or estate taxes in the future. It does not have to be declared as income.

To qualify for this tax incentive for 2008:

- The owner of the IRA must be 70 1/2 years of age or older;
- The gift must be completed by December 31st;
- Donors may make charitable distributions in any amount up to \$100,000 (a couple with separate IRAs can each give up to that amount).

This law may be of particular interest to individuals who:

- Are required to take unneeded IRA withdrawals;
- Those who have experienced limitations on tax benefits in the past;
- Those who have IRAs that will be subjected to an estate tax if left to loved ones other than a spouse and who would now like help in deciding how to fund a charitable gift.

We suggest you discuss your options with your financial advisor. Many advisors who have previously recommended designating a charitable beneficiary for retirement assets may now recommend transferring some IRA assets to charity.

Experience the joy of making a major gift by using your IRA assets.



How the St. Hilary Parish Foundation works:

The St.Hilary Parish Foundation includes the Unrestricted Endowment Fund, St.Hilary School Endowment Fund, 12 family named funds and 15 designated funds.

The Foundation seeks and accepts donations in any amount at any time of year. Foundation programs support only St.Hilary Church, St.Hilary School and St.Hilary Parish Outreach.

If a contribution is designated for a specific purpose, the gift is added to that fund. Undesignated donations are added to the Unrestricted Endowment Fund. The endowment funds are permanent; that is, the original contribution is added to the permanent fund and only interest on the funds is spent.

A board of trustees, made up of parish volunteers and including Fr. Steve Brunovsky, oversees the Foundation endowment, investments and spending.

The St. Hilary Parish Foundation Board

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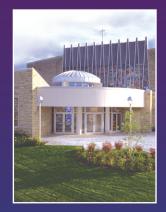
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Your St. Hilary Parish Foundation

The St. Hilary Parish Foundation was formed by our first pastor, Father Edward Horning in 1976.

The mission of the St.Hilary Parish Foundation is to ensure a vibrant parish life and the highest standards of excellence in Catholic education by raising, safeguarding, and granting funds that support the operating and capital needs of St.Hilary Church and School.



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