



St. HILARY PARISH FOUNDATION FOR ALL St. HILARY PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS, AND DONORS

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Ensuring the Legacy of our Catholic Faith for 50 Years

The year was 1976. Pope Paul VI was head of the Catholic Church and the U.S. Presidency would soon transition from Gerald Ford to Jimmy Carter. Our nation celebrated its bicentennial, as well as landed the first unmanned spacecraft on Mars. Apple Computer was born, Pet Rocks became a cultural trend, the blockbuster film Rocky entertained moviegoers in theaters, and Silly Love Songs by Wings was the Billboard number one song for the year. And in the quiet little city of Fairlawn, Ohio, history was being made in another way.

History in the Making

Prompted by the need to meet the future financial requirements of a growing parish community without using offertory funds, Fr. Edward Horning, the founding pastor of St. Hilary Parish, set money aside and worked with parishioners Joseph Lechiara and Frederick Lombardi to establish the St. Hilary Parish Foundation in November 1976. Motivated by a simple objective as stated in its first brochure, "to generate income for the future support of St. Hilary Church and its complementary programs and services - religious, educational, athletic, social, or charitable," the Foundation has continued to grow and evolve over the past five decades. In 2026, the

Foundation will proudly celebrate its 50th anniversary of supporting St. Hilary Parish and School, while poised to ensure the legacy of our Catholic faith well into the future.

From Humble Beginnings to Exemplary Model

Setting out with just \$200,000, Fr. Horning, Lechiara and Lombardi, along with Edward Carter, Mario DiFederico, Charles Pilliod, Benedict Presper, and William Richards, Jr., became members of the Foundation's original Board of Directors. (See Page 16 for more about individuals who have served the Foundation.) Grounded in sound fiscal management from the start, the Foundation's Articles of Incorporation dictated that only after it held \$500,000 could the Foundation expend any funds. At that point, only interest could be utilized, but after \$1 Million was held, both interest and principal could be tapped into for the needs of St. Hilary Parish and School. The Foundation made its first grant,

\$50,000 for the construction of school storage facilities, in 1979. From the beginning, the Foundation's high standards have not only benefited St. Hilary Parish and School but also set an example for other parishes throughout the Diocese of Cleveland. Bishop Pilla asked the founding members to meet with leaders at other parishes, and since then, Foundation directors have honored the request of the Diocese to talk with other parish leaders.

Solid Foundation Still Strong Today

Sound fiscal management practices have continued to guide the Foundation in investing and granting funds over the years. The Foundation has been able to underwrite numerous needs of St. Hilary Parish and School, including such notable projects as expansion of the church, construction of the Spiritual Center, expansion of the school, the addition of Horning Hall, replacement of all roof systems on the campus, renovation of the interior of the church, and renovations in the school, with many other needs also met over the past five decades. Today, Foundation assets sit at over \$14 Million. To date, the Foundation has granted a total of \$5,865,150 to the church and school, with over \$2.7 Million going to the church and just over \$3 Million going to the school.



Director's Message

**A Legacy of Faith, Service and Support:
Celebrating 50 Years of the St. Hilary
Parish Foundation**

Nearly 50 years ago Fr. Edward Horning, founding Pastor of St. Hilary Parish came together with a group of faithful visionaries for a shared purpose: to ensure the growth and viability of St. Hilary Church and School. Accordingly, he directed that approximately \$200,000 in funds he had set aside would be used to establish an endowment. The plan was that as the funds grew, interest earned would be available to assist with church and school needs, nurturing parishioners' faith formation and enriching our community. What began as a modest initiative has blossomed into a cornerstone of support for St. Hilary Parish, with over \$14 Million in funds held by the St. Hilary Parish Foundation today. This is thanks to the generosity of countless donors and the service of the Foundation's Board of Directors, who oversee the Foundation's investments and have helped to ensure the growth of donor contributions throughout the years. This year, as we kick-off the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the St. Hilary Parish Foundation, we honor the legacy of faith, service and support that has sustained us across generations.

Founded In Faith, Growing in Purpose

The Foundation was founded on November 10, 1976, and over the decades, the mission has remained steadfast, even as our community has grown and evolved in many ways.

- Support for our Church: Throughout the past 50 years \$2,737,371.21 has been given for maintaining sacred spaces through funding for building and capital improvement projects for the church and Spiritual Center, as well as funding ministries and programs. The Foundation has helped ensure that our Parish remains a beacon of faith and fellowship.
- Support for our School: Distributions of \$3,127,779.45 over the past 50 years have included providing funds for school capital improvements, scholarships, tuition assistance, technology, and more, all of which have empowered our students to thrive academically and spiritually.
- Enduring Stewardship: Through careful management and generous giving, the Foundation has built a legacy that will continue to bless future generations.

A Community of Gratitude

As Executive Director, I am continually inspired by the stories of those whose lives have been touched by the Foundation's work. Whether it is a student receiving a scholarship or tuition assistance; a parishioner finding comfort in the new pews, our renovated church, or spiritual center; inspiration from the music of our church choir, Laetare and Gaudete Sunday concerts, Bible Studies, or Lenten Speaker series; or teachers supported in their vocation through salary increases or bonuses, the ripple effect of our mission is profound.

Honoring The Past, Embracing the Future

During the next year as we celebrate the golden anniversary of the St. Hilary Parish Foundation, it is not just a commemoration of what has been - it is a call to action for what is yet to come. As we look ahead, the Foundation is committed to expanding our impact by growing our endowment funds to meet the evolving needs of our church and school. We also look to engage new generations, by inviting the young members of our community to become stewards of this mission.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you to every donor, supporter and volunteer who has joined us in this journey, from our modest beginnings to what we have achieved today. May God bless you, and may the next fifty years be even more fruitful than the last.

Gratefully,
Diane Sarkis
St. Hilary Parish Foundation Executive Director

Foundation Funds are Growing, Thanks to You!

Between November 1, 2024 and October 31, 2025, the St. Hilary Parish Foundation received donations totaling \$742,389.63. Through your philanthropy, these donations enable us to continue to provide vital annual support for our church and school via unrestricted gifts directed to the areas of greatest need, as well as restricted donations designated for specific purposes, needs and/or projects. We are incredibly grateful for your generous support of the following funds:

Unrestricted Funds	\$ 347,796.27
Specified Parish Funds	\$ 46,499.00
SHS Unrestricted Funds	\$ 67,712.34
Specified SHS Funds	\$ 248,281.02
SHS Scholarship / Tuition Assistance Funds	\$ 8,205.00
SHS Specified Scholarship Funds	\$ 23,896.00

Pastor's Message



Dear Parishioners and Benefactors,

This is a time to celebrate! We are entering the 50th anniversary year of the St. Hilary Parish Foundation! With foresight and a concern for the future success of St. Hilary Parish and School, Father Horning and a group of parishioners, including Edward Carter, Mario DiFederico, Joseph Lechiara, Frederick Lombardi, Charles Pilliod, Benedict Presper, and William Richards, Jr., decided in 1976 to invest \$200,000 which was remaining from the construction of the school into a fund that would be managed by a newly created entity: The St. Hilary Parish Foundation. This was a unique and wise decision back in that bicentennial year!

Over the years, board members and donors have made generous gifts to the St. Hilary Parish Foundation. In turn, the Foundation has grown and returned to the parish and school over \$5.8 Million in grants to support needs and amenities of all kinds. Through the support of the Foundation, the parish and school have been able to accomplish many things in 50 years. Some of these include additions to the church and school buildings; yearly scholarships for school students; tuition, retreat and educational materials for our seminarians; myriad updates to school technology; refresh projects for all school classrooms; church interior renovations including painting, new pews, and organ refurbishing; parking lot maintenance and repair; campus ministry support; and so much more!

Donors over the past 50 years have left a legacy of generosity, some honoring their families through family named funds, and others through funds that support a particular passion such as choir, education, PSR, teacher salaries, religious vocations, performing arts, or other areas. Many donors have simply contributed to unrestricted funds that help to underwrite general needs of the church and school.

As we embark on this 50th year, we encourage you to consider creating your own family legacy through a present or planned future donation to the St. Hilary Parish Foundation! This is a great way to ensure not only the current success of our parish and school, but also an even more vibrant future! Just imagine parishioners 50 years from now, at the 100th anniversary of the Foundation, marveling at the wisdom and generosity of donors from 2026 who felt compelled to leave

a legacy of care for the future, thus assuring a St. Hilary Parish and School that in the year 2076 is second to none in the Diocese of Cleveland! So please join us as we celebrate the 50 years that have passed by helping to ensure at least 50 more yet to come!

Many Blessings!
Fr. Steve Brunovsky
Pastor

Did You Know?

- The St. Hilary Parish Foundation includes 17 Unrestricted Endowment Funds, 14 St. Hilary School Unrestricted Endowment Funds, 16 scholarship/tuition assistance funds, and 30 other designated funds.
- The Unrestricted Endowment Fund is comprised of gifts not designated for a specific purpose, and used for the greatest needs of the church and school.
- The St. Hilary School Unrestricted Endowment Fund is used for the greatest needs of the school.
- Named Funds can be established with a \$5,000 gift. Funds may be designated as unrestricted, in which the Foundation Board determines the greatest needs and grants awards based on the particular fund, or as restricted, in which funds are used for a specific purpose.
- The Foundation accepts donations throughout the year, and 100% of monies donated support the needs of St. Hilary Parish and School.
- The St. Hilary Parish Foundation was established in 1976 and has granted over \$5,865,150 to the church and school for improvements including capital improvements and equipment, programs, technology, scholarships, and tuition assistance.
- The Foundation has a Legacy Society for legacy giving, now in its 22nd year.
- Visit us at www.StHilaryFoundation.org and follow us on Facebook for updates throughout the year.

Legacy Giving Preserves Future of St. Hilary Parish

What do you consider to be your legacy? Perhaps it is the value of the work you do each day, the importance of your service to others, or your precious children and grandchildren. These are undeniably important, but your legacy can be left in other ways, as well, and has the potential to preserve the future of St. Hilary Parish. Think about the difference you could make through a gift to help ensure the financial stability of your parish long after you leave this earth. What a remarkable tribute that would be not only to your parish, but to you! You have the opportunity of a lifetime to make that difference, leave that legacy and receive that tribute through legacy giving to the St. Hilary Parish Foundation. By planning ahead, you can play a role in sustaining St. Hilary Parish, its church and school, for years to come.

Let Your Will Lead the Way

When you include the St. Hilary Parish Foundation in your will or other estate planning, you will guarantee that your past will live on and help to secure the future of St. Hilary Church and School. Having a valid will in place enables you to reduce stress for your loved ones after your death, as well as save time and money as your estate is administered. You can specify who will care for your minor children, receive your assets, and manage your estate, as well. In addition, your will enables you to support your passions by including a charitable organization, such as the St. Hilary Parish Foundation, as a beneficiary. Don't have a will? Contact your attorney, or visit the Legacy Society page at www.sthilaryfoundation.org to use FreeWill's free, fast self-help estate planning platform.

Insurance for the Life of Your Parish

You can provide lasting financial support and potentially qualify for tax benefits by naming the St. Hilary Parish Foundation as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy.

Changing the beneficiary of your life insurance policy costs nothing, and will significantly help strengthen St. Hilary Parish for the future. Contact your insurance agent or estate planning advisor for more information.

Your Legacy Can Help Grow Ours

Perhaps you will choose to give back by suggesting that others make gifts to the St. Hilary Parish Foundation upon your death. You can plan now for such giving that can be acted upon later. These gifts will honor your legacy and help to ensure the legacy of our Catholic faith.

Support St. Hilary While Reducing Your Taxes

If you are 70-½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA that will reduce your taxable income and help the St. Hilary Parish Foundation support our parish and school. Talk to your financial / legal advisors and IRA administrator for more information.

Your Legacy is Calling

When you create an estate plan that includes a legacy gift to the St. Hilary Parish Foundation, you answer the call to accept God's blessings with gratitude, to cherish and care for them, to share them with others, and to return them, with increase, to God. Naming the St. Hilary Parish Foundation as a beneficiary of your will, life insurance policy or retirement account, making a gift from your IRA, or encouraging gifts in your memory upon your passing, will help preserve the future of St. Hilary Parish for years to come. Such giving will also earn you a place in the St. Hilary Parish Foundation Legacy Society. If you are considering legacy giving, please contact Diane Sarkis, Executive Director, at 330-608-4787 for assistance with your decision.



Through membership in the St. Hilary Legacy Society, I/we wish to shape a legacy of hope and support for future generations of our Parish.

I/we _____
are making this commitment to the St. Hilary Parish Foundation. I/we direct this gift to be utilized in the following manner:

____ Unrestricted Endowment Fund ____ Family Named Fund
____ St. Hilary School Endowment Fund ____ Other: _____

The value of my/our commitment is estimated to be \$ _____ or
A percentage of my/our estate which estimates the gift to be \$ _____.

We plan to leave this gift through:
____ will or trust; ____ life insurance;
____ charitable trust; ____ other: _____

____ I/we permit the St. Hilary Parish Foundation to recognize my/our gift in its publications.
____ I/we wish my/our gift to remain anonymous.

**This is not a binding legal document; it is merely an indication of my/our intent to assist the Foundation in fund planning.*



Legacy Society Acknowledges Planned Giving

The St. Hilary Parish Foundation is dedicated to helping donors attain their long-term-philanthropic goals by sharing blessings that will build a legacy of hope for future generations. An important part of planned giving is ensuring that your contributions will continue to support your charitable

interests for generations to come, in other words, continuing your legacy.

Donors who have made long-term commitments to the St. Hilary Parish Foundation through planned or deferred gift arrangements become members of the St. Hilary Legacy Society. Donors who make gifts through their estates have the opportunity to be recognized as Legacy Society members by having their names inscribed on a plaque that hangs near the parish office. Donors may also opt to remain anonymous if they so choose. Either way, these donors help to ensure the long-term financial stability of St. Hilary Church and School.

Since the Legacy Society began in November 2003, bequests totaling more than \$3,614,225 have been received from the estates of the following donors, as well as some who prefer to remain anonymous:

John A. Bader, Margaret Banker, Ralph L. Bernard, Sr., Andy Bettick, Jody Boeske, Olive and Joseph Cairns, Mary Jean Carroll, Edward L. Cope, Dorothy D'Andrea, Helen and Richard Eichner, Gordon Ewers, Delores A. Falcone, Joanne Harm, Jean Hauser, Larry Kern, Maryann May, Mary Metz, Ingrid Massel-Palmiero, Antoinette Ruminski, and Eugene Wilde.

Had the individuals behind these gifts not had the foresight to plan for them, these valuable gifts to the Foundation would never have been made. Just as the Legacy Society members who have passed away have planned to help inspire the future, your planned gift, or a donation in your memory, can make a difference, too. 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 the St. Hilary Legacy Society. If you are considering one of these lifelong legacy options, please contact Diane Sarkis, Executive Director, at 330-608-4787 for help with your decision.



Ensuring the Future of our Church and School

With a little advance planning, you can help to ensure the future of St. Hilary Church and School for the next 50 years and beyond. Your planning can include many options for such giving. You might make a personal contribution to the Foundation to help nurture the ongoing vitality of St. Hilary Parish. You might name the St. Hilary Parish Foundation as a beneficiary of your will, life insurance policy or retirement account. Or, you might choose to give back by suggesting that others make gifts to the Foundation in your memory upon your death. All of these gifts can help to build and sustain our Foundation.

By including the St. Hilary Parish Foundation in your estate planning, you will guarantee that your past will help to safeguard the future of St. Hilary Church and School. Any of the many vehicles for planned giving will cultivate gifts that can help to ensure the ongoing financial stability of the St. Hilary Parish community. To learn more about options for planned giving, please contact Diane Sarkis, Executive Director, at 330-608-4787.

Memorial and Tribute Gifts: Celebrating the Past and Ensuring the Future

Celebrating and honoring a past life well lived through a memorial gift can add to our Foundation, strengthening its ability to serve the St. Hilary community and to ensure the future. Since November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025, gifts totaling \$30,611 have been made in memory of the following individuals whose obituaries mentioned the St. Hilary Parish Foundation or who were generously honored with memorial donations to the Foundation:

James Aldrich	Fred Lombardi
Jessica Allen	Jimmy Lyons
Mary Lou Baker	Patrick McAleese
Andy Bettick	Hazel McAleese
Patricia Bigelow	Patricia McAleese
Jody Boeske	Frank Mellion
Mary Jean Carroll	Louis & Helen Mellion
Rita Czarnecki	Kevin Neff
Ranendra & Janet Das Varma	Kevin O'Neil
Gerry Faust	Ingrid Palmiero-Massel
Mark Fiocca	James E. Petit, Sr.
Jack & Eileen Fisher	Jack Price
Molly Gaunter	John Randall
Patricia Gerber	Ed Steinkerchner
Denise Hogan	Dan Unk
Fr. Thomas Koegel	Virginia Walter

While remembering those who have gone before us with a memorial gift to the Foundation can be a lovely way to honor a life, such a gift can also be a meaningful tribute to an individual during his or her lifetime. This type of gift can be a wonderful way to honor an individual, present a symbolic gift to those whose blessings are ample, or to commemorate a special event or milestone. Gifts totaling \$12,850 in honor of the following individuals have been made to the Foundation since November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025:

Fr. Steve Brunovsky	SHS Class of 1979
Connor Crane	St. Hilary School Teachers
William Crane	Mr. & Mrs. Joe Tartabini, Jr.

Investing In Our Future Campaign Launches Tree of Recognition

In place since spring 2023, the Investing In Our Future Campaign continues to move closer to its \$3 Million goal, and has launched a tree of recognition to acknowledge donors at various levels of giving. Investing In Our Future: A Campaign To Support Our Educators, kicked off at the school's annual /Celebration event in March 2023, which is the school Parents' Association's largest fundraiser. Since then, special events have been held, donations have continued to come in and interest has accrued, with funds currently totaling over \$829,337 in the Teacher Salary Fund held by the St. Hilary Parish Foundation.

The fund supports St. Hilary School teachers and educational staff and helps to ensure that their salaries will continue to remain competitive into the future, remedying a long-standing gap between their wages and those of their counterparts working in the Copley-Fairlawn School District. Donors to the campaign for the fund have supported it in various ways and at various levels. The new donor recognition tree will acknowledge those who have contributed, or who pledge over three years to contribute, monetary amounts* of \$2,500, \$5,000, \$10,000, or \$25,000. Totals are cumulative, so amounts donated previously can be combined with future pledged amounts to reach the various thresholds that will be recognized on the tree. Past donors are invited to add to their contributions to reach one of the threshold amounts if they wish. Donors wishing to confirm past contribution amounts may call St. Hilary Parish Foundation Executive Director Diane Sarkis at 330-608-4784. Amounts contributed to future Raise the Paddle initiatives will be applied to pledge commitments for those making pledges. Leaves in sizes corresponding to the four levels will be inscribed according to donors' wishes. Up to 300 engraved leaves will be displayed on the tree, with the option to add a select number of birds for significant donations beyond the \$25,000 mark. When at least half the leaves are able to be engraved, the tree will be installed on the wall in the main school entrance.

Fundraisers will continue to support this campaign, with both 50% of the school's proceeds from the annual We Give Catholic Giving Tuesday campaign and an annual Raise the Paddle at the school's Celebration fundraiser promised to the cause. A committee to support the campaign is also hard at work planning additional smaller annual fundraising events, such as a Father-Daughter Dance and a Ladies' Night Out Purse Bingo event. Follow the committee's happenings on Instagram at St. Hilary School, Investing In Our Future Campaign. Private donors are invited to contribute at any time and you can make a difference right now. Simply scan the QR code to the right, or contact St. Hilary Parish Foundation Executive Director Diane Sarkis at 330-608-4787 or St. Hilary School Special Campaigns Coordinator Brianne Alaburda at balaburda@st-hilary.org to learn more or donate.

**Only monetary donations to the fund can be included. Tickets purchased for Investing In Our Future Campaign events and in-kind donations cannot be considered.*



Scan here to donate to the Investing in Our Future Campaign



PLEDGE/CONTRIBUTION FORM - INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN

It is my/our honor to support the Investing In Our Future campaign and ensure St. Hilary School's ability to recruit and retain exceptional educators. I/we pledge and agree to pay the St. Hilary Parish Foundation \$_____, paid as follows:

___ Direct Gift ___ Installments: ___ Monthly ___ Quarterly ___ Annually Over ___ 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 Years

___ Please use electronic funds transfer (EFT) from my bank account: Bank Name: _____

Bank Routing # _____ Bank Account # _____

___ Gifts of Stock: Please contact St. Hilary Parish Foundation at 330-608-4787 for stock gift information.

___ Matching Gifts: If you are employed by a matching gift company, please submit appropriate gift form.

Donor Name(s) _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Please list my/our name in campaign reports as follows: _____ I/we wish to remain anonymous

Please inscribe leaf on tree as follows: _____

(Maximum character and spacing limitations apply - you will be contacted if we are unable to engrave as listed.)



In 2026, the St. Hilary Parish Foundation will celebrate 50 years of providing support to St. Hilary Church and St. Hilary School. Since its inception on November 10, 1976, the Foundation has grown to over \$14 Million in funds and granted nearly \$6 Million to underwrite hundreds upon hundreds of items, programs, renovations, and more for the St. Hilary Parish campus. The Foundation is the cornerstone of parish and school life, safeguarding donor contributions by wisely investing and managing them and granting

1976

FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED



1979

SCHOOL STORAGE



1983

GYM ROOF,
GYM PARKING LOT



1985

CHURCH ROOF



2019

HORNING HALL WIRELESS MIC,
SPIRITUAL CENTER CHAIRS, CONCRETE WORK,
SCHOOL ROOF, SCHOOL & CHURCH PHONES, PIANO,
TUITION ASSISTANCE, SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY

2018

RECTORY KITCHEN REMODEL, SCHOOL ROOF,
SPIRITUAL CENTER KITCHEN REMODEL,
SPIRITUAL CENTER MEETING ROOMS &
LOWER LEVEL CARPET & TILES



2020

SCHOOL CHROMEBOOKS & CARTS,
CHURCH CHOIR CHAIRS, SPIRITUAL CENTER
FOLDING PARTITIONS, SPIRITUAL CENTER CEILING TILE
REPLACEMENT, SPIRITUAL CENTER LIGHTING REPLACEMENT,
TUITION ASSISTANCE, TUITION FREEZE 2020-21, K&1 FEES

2021

RECTORY WINDOWS,
SCHOOL ENTRYWAY &
OFFICE RENOVATION



2022
CHURCH



funds to sustain the needs of the church and school. While additional notes of importance can be found throughout this report, illustrated here are some of the most significant highlights in the history of the Foundation since its inception in 1976. With its first 50 years solidly behind it, the Foundation is at the ready to continue ensuring the legacy of our Catholic faith well into the future.

HIGHLIGHTS OF

1987
SCHOOL ROOF



1989
NEW SPIRITUAL CENTER



1992
SCHOOL COMPUTERS



1994
CHURCH ROOF, RECTORY RENOVATION
SPIRITUAL CENTER ELEVATOR



2017
CHURCH PAINT & ACOUSTICAL FABRIC,
TUITION ASSISTANCE, SPIRITUAL CENTER ROOF



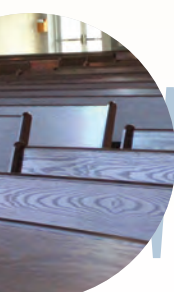
2016-2025
SCHOLARSHIPS



2016
EVANGELIZATION,
PARKING LOT RECONSTRUCTION,
TUITION ASSISTANCE



2021-2022
CHURCH PEWS



2022
SCHOOL JR. HIGH CLASSROOM RENOVATION,
PEW REMOVAL & TILE REPLACEMENT, CHURCH ROOF



HORNING HALL NEW DOOR
SCHOOL ROOF, CHURCH PEWS



FOUNDATION HISTORY

50th 197

1996-1998

CAPITAL FUND DRIVE GRANT –
CHURCH ADDITION



1999

HORNING HALL, NEW GYM
MATCHING GRANT



2004

SPIRITUAL CENTER ROOF,
SCHOOL MOBILE PC LAB



2006

HORNING HALL
ACOUSTICAL TREATMENT



2015

DRIVEWAY CATCH BASIN,
TUITION ASSISTANCE, SCHOOL ROOF



2014

SPIRITUAL CENTER HVAC,
EVANGELIZATION, SPIRITUAL CENTER
STAMPED CONCRETE PATIO



2013

SMART BOARDS
& PROJECTORS



2023

GIRLS' BB & VB UNIFORMS, CHURCH ROOF,
CHURCH WINDOW RESTORATION



2023-2025

DAMASCUS RETREATS



2024

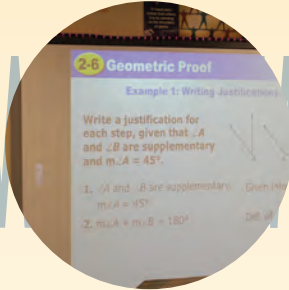
CHURCH LED LIGHTING,
CHURCH ORGAN CLEANING,
SPIRITUAL CENTER MEETING
ROOM HVAC CONTROL



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2007

SCHOOL SMART BOARDS,
MEDIA CENTER AC



2008

KNEELERS, TEACHERS'
SALARIES, CHURCH ROOF



2010

MULTI PURPOSE ROOM ROOF



2010-2011

TUITION ASSISTANCE

2012

SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY,
ATHLETIC ASSN FOOTBALL HELMETS



2012-2016

SCHOOL HVAC



2011

CLASSROOM CARPETING



2026

2025

GRADE 5 CHROMEBOOKS,
CHURCH CARILLON



Ensuring the Legacy of our Catholic Faith for 50 Years , cont'd.

Growing for the Future

As it has grown, the Foundation has always had an eye toward the future viability of the church and school. In 2003, the Foundation hired Diane Sarkis as its first Development Director to introduce and manage new initiatives to generate gifts to the Foundation. In 2024, Sarkis was named the Foundation's Executive Director, a title that better encompasses the scope of her duties. Sarkis has helped the Foundation shift its focus from solely unrestricted gifts to those that can also be restricted for application to a particular need. Today, the Foundation manages a total of 77 funds, including 17 unrestricted endowment funds to support the greatest needs of the parish, 14 unrestricted funds to support the greatest needs of the school, 17 funds to support specific parish needs, 10 funds to support specific

school needs, 3 school technology funds, 5 school scholarship / tuition assistance funds, and 11 specified school scholarship funds for students meeting established criteria. Many of these funds include family-named funds, which can be established with a \$5,000 gift and designated as restricted or unrestricted. The Foundation accepts donations throughout the year, with 100% of contributions benefiting St. Hilary Parish and School. If you would like to join in celebrating the Foundation's 50th anniversary and help to ensure the legacy of our Catholic faith, please contact Diane Sarkis, Executive Director, at 330-608-4787, for more information about giving opportunities.

Let's Celebrate!



The St. Hilary Parish Foundation will celebrate 50 years of service to the church and school in 2026! We invite you to celebrate with us! Coffee and donut receptions kicked off the anniversary on November 22-23, and receptions will again be hosted after the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses the weekend of November 21-22, 2026.

Donors are also invited to tour the school during its Catholic Schools Week Open House on Sunday, January 25, 2026. To ensure an optimal experience, please contact Diane Sarkis, Executive Director, at 330-608-4787 by January 12 to schedule your personal tour in advance. The Foundation will also offer some special opportunities for past and prospective donors, so please watch for additional information.



Foundation Support Fosters Parish Progress

For nearly 50 years, the St. Hilary Parish Foundation has helped to foster the progress of St. Hilary Parish. The past year has been no exception. Since November 1, 2024, the Foundation has granted funds to support a variety of expenses for the church. The most significant item funded for the parish campus in the past year was one that was hard to miss, as a large sinkhole developed in the driveway adjacent to the church, leading to West Market Street, in the spring of 2025. A smaller sinkhole developed in the driveway adjacent to the school, leading to Moorfield Road, at the same time. After being covered with plywood for several weeks, both holes were fully repaired in June through a Foundation grant of \$21,600. Additional projects done on the property thanks to Foundation funds included drain line work and tree removal, which together totaled \$4,983. New soccer goals were purchased for Yahner Field, at a cost of \$3,200.

Inside the church building and offices, \$6,066 was granted for new laptop and desktop computers, \$3,048 was spent on NVR camera security systems and \$1,850 was underwritten for church lighting. The sound of beautiful bells can be heard tolling thanks to the new church carillon bell system, funded at a cost of \$13,695, and handbells played by the handbell choir were refurbished at a cost of \$3,900. Additionally, the Foundation underwrote \$13,998 in parish operations during the past year.

Additional items funded by the Foundation for the benefit of the parish since November 1, 2024 include \$2,350 for parish Bible study, adult religious education and parish staff continuing education, plus \$650 for seminarian religious education. A Gaudete Sunday concert was also funded at a cost of \$1,310, while \$850 was granted to the PSR program for Confirmation T-shirts. Finally, \$17,925 was granted to cover bus transportation as well as staff costs and student hardship scholarships for retreats at the Damascus Catholic Youth Center.

You can help to ensure that key projects and programs such as these continue to be funded for another 50 years and beyond by contributing to the St. Hilary Parish Foundation. Please contact Executive Director Diane Sarkis at 330-608-4787 to learn more about how your gift can play a part in ensuring the legacy of our Catholic faith for years to come.



Donate Via Zelle

Along with many options for donating, the St. Hilary Parish Foundation now accepts donations via Zelle. If you have a Zelle account, simply select the Zelle tab in your online banking platform and search for business name St. Hilary Parish Foundation and email d.sarkis@sthilaryfoundation.org. Click to select, and your donation will be sent directly from your bank account to the St. Hilary Parish Foundation's bank account. No fees are associated with Zelle transactions.

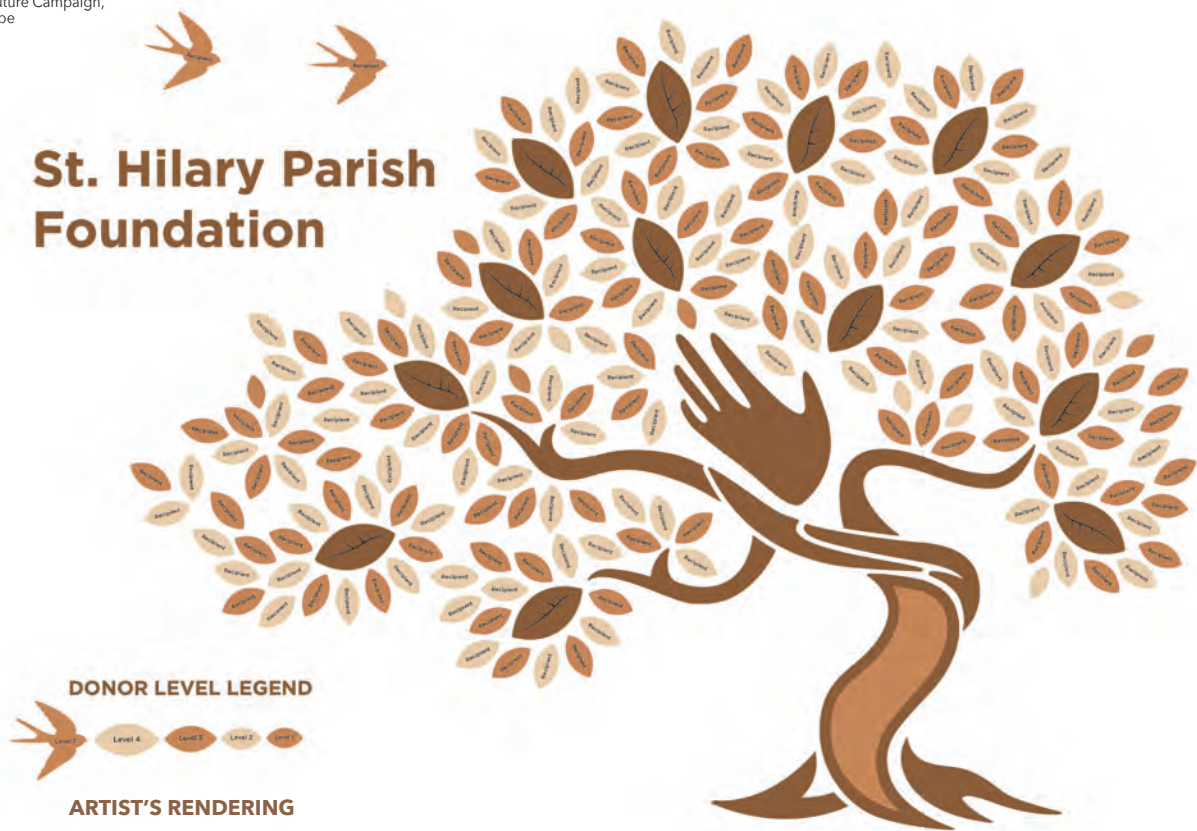
\$500,000 for the 50th Campaign Kicks Off

To commemorate its 50th anniversary, the St. Hilary Parish Foundation is proud to announce its \$500,000 for the 50th Campaign, and you can earn lasting recognition when you help celebrate! A new donor recognition tree will acknowledge those who contribute, or who pledge over three years to contribute, \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000, or \$10,000 to the Foundation.* Leaves in sizes corresponding to the four levels will be inscribed according to donors' wishes, within permissible parameters. To reach our \$500,000 goal, only 145 leaves will be available in the following quantities: 20 leaves at the \$10,000 giving level, 25 leaves for donations of \$5,000, and 50 leaves each for the \$2,500 and \$1,000 levels of contribution. Donors who have contributed significant amounts in excess of \$10,000 will be recognized in a more prominent way on the tree, with engraving on a select number of birds or on the trunk of the tree.

Leaves will be engraved and added to the tree after contributions are made or, in the case of a pledge, after at least half of the pledged amount is paid. When at least half the leaves are able to be engraved, the tree will be installed in the Spiritual Center Gathering Area.

Please contact St. Hilary Parish Foundation Executive Director Diane Sarkis at 330-608-4787 to learn more or donate, and help to ensure the legacy of our Catholic faith.

*Excludes donations to the Teacher Salary Fund through the Investing In Our Future Campaign, which have the opportunity to be recognized separately.



PLEDGE/CONTRIBUTION FORM - \$500,000 FOR THE CAMPAIGN

It is my/our honor to support the \$500,000 for the 50th campaign and help to ensure the legacy of our Catholic faith.

I/we pledge and agree to pay the St. Hilary Parish Foundation \$_____, paid as follows:

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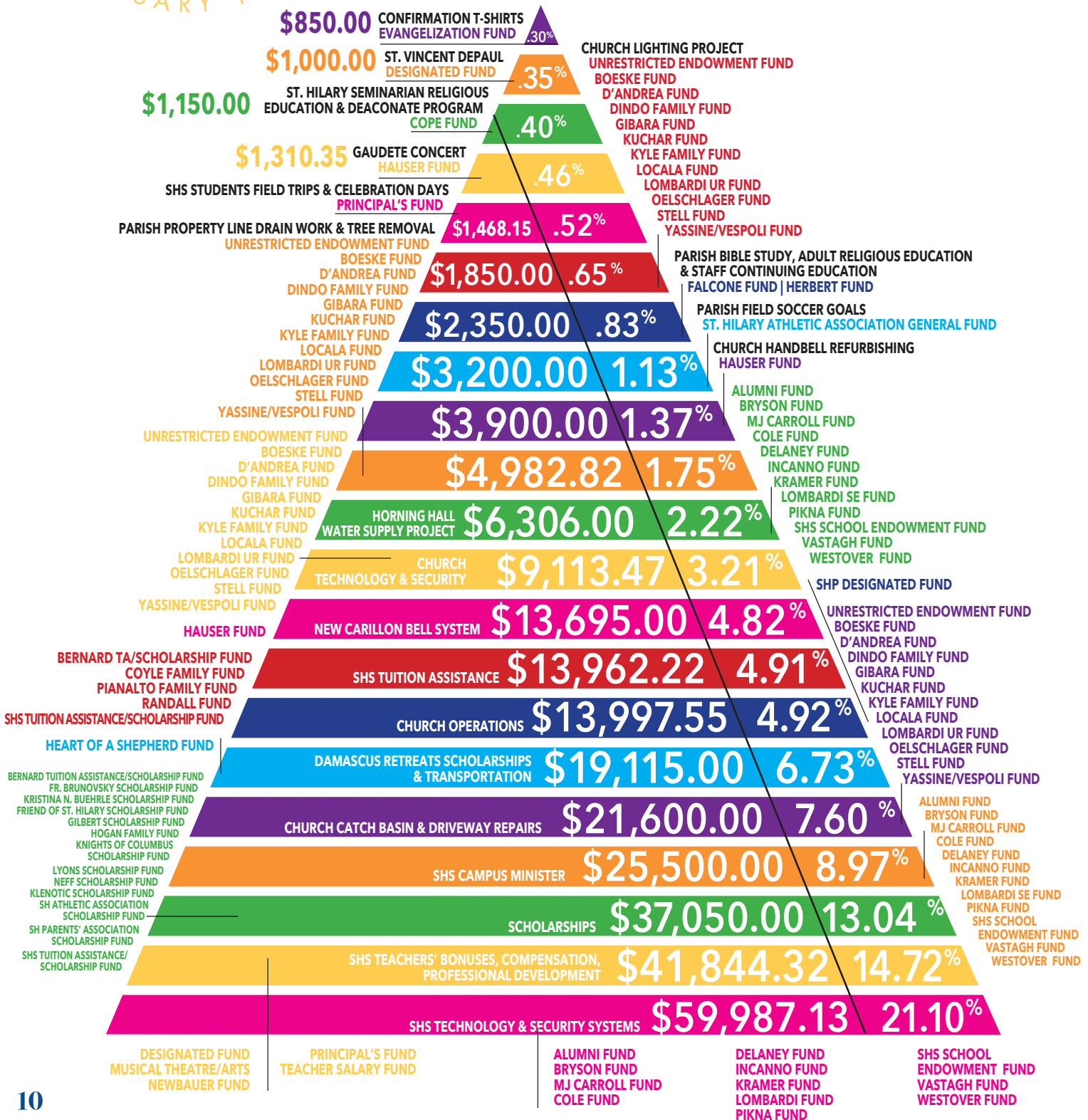
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Thanks to your continued generosity and support, the St. Hilary Parish Foundation was able to make the following distributions to benefit our church and school from November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025.

\$284,232.01





**Financial Statement:
Comparative Summary Statement of Financial Position
Ending October 31, 2025**

	11/1/24-10/31/25	11/1/23-10/31/24
ASSETS		
Operating Account	\$ 5,871.02	\$ 5,871.02
Unrestricted Parish Funds	\$ 3,707,738.28	\$ 3,060,447.35
Specified Parish Funds	\$ 6,141,161.69	\$ 5,515,476.32
Unrestricted School Funds	\$ 2,710,237.49	\$ 2,457,535.38
All Specified School Funds	\$ 2,277,157.87	\$ 1,861,066.18
Receivables - Pledges	\$ 60,800.00	\$ 11,900.00
Total Assets	\$ 14,902,966.35	\$12,912,296.25
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$.00	\$.00
Total Liabilities	\$.00	\$.00
NET ASSETS	\$ 14,902,966.35	\$12,912,296.25

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	11/1/23-10/31/24	11/1/22-10/31/23
REVENUES AND GAINS		
Contributions Received	\$ 742,389.63	\$ 635,353.96
Investment Income	\$ 1,622,288.88	\$ 2,240,466.83
Total Contributions and Gains	\$ 2,364,678.51	\$ 2,875,820.79
DISTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENSES		
Grants and Other Distributions	\$ 318,924.47	\$ 248,870.13
Expenses	\$ 98,233.12	\$ 78,384.82
Total Distributions and Expenses	\$ 417,157.59	\$ 327,254.95



For nearly 50 years, the St. Hilary Parish Foundation has been sustained through the philanthropy of the St. Hilary Community. It is only through donor support that the Foundation is able to provide annual grants for the benefit of the church and school.

Listed here are the funds held by the St. Hilary Parish Foundation and those who have contributed to these funds between November 1, 2024 and October 31, 2025. These generous donations to unrestricted funds, which are directed to the areas of greatest need, and restricted funds, which are earmarked for specific purposes, truly are the heart of the Foundation. Your support is vital, and we are exceedingly grateful.

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IN GRATITUDE

The Foundation is incredibly grateful to the following for their invaluable contributions to this annual report: The Lehner Family Foundation, underwriter; Debbie Sinopoli, writer/editor/photographer; Jen Sorrent, designer; and Carol Malick, photographer.



Foundation Supports School for Nearly Half a Century

Sixty-five years ago, St. Hilary School was established as the first and largest ministry of St. Hilary Parish. Today, the school is thriving with a growing enrollment and expanding staff, many new opportunities to help keep tuition affordable for its large student body of close to 630, and initiatives to help keep salaries and compensation competitive for an educational staff of nearly 100. Much of this has been made possible through support from the St. Hilary Parish Foundation, sustained by the generosity of donors.

Technology and More for a Safe and Successful School

The largest grant the Foundation made to the school in 2025 was for classroom technology and security cameras, at just over \$59,308. Included in that amount, a new NVR camera system was purchased at a cost of \$7,800, along with classroom audio in sixth, seventh and eighth grade classrooms totaling \$19,083, classroom microphones for \$3,150, and Chromebooks for fifth grade students at \$29,275. One additional expense funded by the Foundation that did not pertain directly to students or staff was the replacement of main shut-offs for the water supply line in Horning Hall, at a cost of \$6,306. The Foundation also expended just over \$1,061 for school educational experiences and field day.

Scholarships and Assistance Keep Tuition Affordable

Although the school is in its second year as an Ohio EdChoice Scholarship provider and its third year under the Diocesan Angel Scholarship program, scholarships and tuition assistance through the St. Hilary Parish Foundation are still an important part of the comprehensive funding package that helps keep tuition affordable for students. The additional funds often mean the difference between a student being able to enjoy the benefits of a Catholic education at St. Hilary School and having to enroll elsewhere.

To help safeguard the affordability of a St. Hilary School education for all students, the Foundation awarded a total of \$13,962 in tuition assistance for those with hardship situations. In addition, 17 scholarships totaling \$32,850 were awarded to students in 2025. These scholarships provide funds to students who apply and are selected based on meeting the criteria established by the scholarship donors. They include the Friend of St. Hilary Scholarship, the Mother Teresa Scholarship, the Sr. Carol Joy Scholarship, the St. Aloysius Scholarship, the St. Hilary R.E.D. Scholarship, the Striving Saber Scholarship, the Kristina N. Buehrle Scholarship, the Ralph and Florence Bernard Scholarship, the Rev. Steven Brunovsky Catholic Leadership Scholarship, the Edward L. Gilbert Family Scholarship, the Hogan Family Scholarship, the Knights of Columbus Scholarship, and the St. Hilary Parish Foundation Tuition Assistance Scholarship. Due to the need-based nature of many of the scholarships, the names of the recipients are not published in order to protect their privacy. Since it was begun in December 2015 for the 2016-2017 school year, the Foundation's large-scale scholarship initiative has awarded 170 scholarships totaling \$288,530. When 2026-2027 enrollment begins in January, the Foundation anticipates again opening about 17 scholarships totaling more than \$30,000 to students returning to the school in 2026-2027.

Funding and Recognition through Memorial and Tribute Scholarships

An additional \$4,200 was granted to students through Foundation scholarships that do not require students to apply, but are awarded simply because the recipients are recognized as having qualities similar the individuals the scholarships honor, or because they exemplify ideals the scholarships uphold.

The Kevin Thomas Neff Scholarship honors 2000 St. Hilary School graduate Kevin Neff, who died of a brain tumor while in high school. It is awarded annually to a seventh grader who embodies the characteristics Kevin aspired to during his life. In the 2024-2025 school year, the \$1,700 scholarship was awarded to Liam Morris.

Honoring long-time St. Hilary School second grade teacher Jane Klenotic, who lost her battle with cancer in 2014, the Jane Klenotic Scholarship is awarded annually to a second grader who has the attributes of spiritual, academic and personal character that were important to Jane. The \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Harper Williams in the 2024-2025 school year.



The 2025 Jane Klenotic Scholarship was awarded to Harper Williams.



Liam Morris was the recipient of the 2025 Kevin Thomas Neff Scholarship.



Joey Olszewski (second from left) won the 2025 geography bee and received the Jimmy Lyons Scholarship.

The Jimmy Lyons Geography Bee Scholarship Fund was begun in memory of St. Hilary School 2006 graduate Jimmy Lyons, honoring the four-time winner of the school's geography bee and state bee competitor, who passed away in 2011. This \$500 scholarship is awarded to the winner of the school's geography bee each year. Joey Olszewski received the scholarship as the winner of the school's geography bee in spring 2025.

The Foundation also funds \$500 St. Hilary Athletic Association scholarships each year for two St. Hilary School eighth grade student athletes who qualify based on athletics, academics, and character. The scholarships are applied to the recipients' high school tuition. In May 2025, scholarships were awarded to Franco Donatelli and Katherine Eldred.

Supporting Staff is Greatest Need

The school's greatest need is ensuring that its educators are compensated at a competitive level, in order to continue to recruit and retain top talent to serve its students. Toward this end, during the past year, the Foundation provided over \$41,844, which included Christmas bonuses, additional bonuses, gifts and lunch for teachers, reimbursed expenses for classroom supplies and other items, and, for only the second year in the school's 65-year history, small stipends for staff leading extracurricular clubs. Please see page 6 of this report to learn more about the Investing In Our Future campaign to support the school's educators. Another staff expense funded by the Foundation in the past year was the \$25,500 salary for the school's campus minister position.

Help Support School Into Future

As St. Hilary School continues to grow, so will its needs. With support through the generosity of donors to the St. Hilary Parish Foundation, the school will continue to thrive well into the future. Your contributions enable the Foundation to provide many of the elements that will safeguard the ongoing viability of the school. To explore opportunities to support the St. Hilary Parish Foundation and the community it serves, please contact St. Hilary Parish Foundation Executive Director Diane Sarkis at 330-608-4787.

50 Years of Service

Over the past five decades, the St. Hilary Parish Foundation has been blessed to have 19 talented individuals serve as members of its Board of Directors. The current Board, pictured at right, is comprised of President Stephen Strayer, Vice-President and Secretary Stephen Hammersmith, Treasurer Matthew Shannon, and Directors Kathryn Dindo, Brittany Root, Dan Sollenberger, and Fr. Steve Brunovsky.

Fr. Edward Horning, Joseph Lechiara, Frederick Lombardi, Edward Carter, Mario DiFederico, Charles Pilliod, Benedict Presper, and William Richards, Jr., all pictured below, served as the Foundation's original Board of Directors. The Board's first officers were Pilliod as President, DiFederico as Vice-President, and Lechiara as Secretary and Treasurer. Also serving on the Board over the years were Joseph Clapp, Fr. Thomas Koegel, Sandra Pianalto, and Fr. Gordon Yahner.

Diane Sarkis has served the Foundation since 2003, first as its Development Director, and since 2024 as its Executive Director. Instrumental to the successful fiscal management of Foundation funds over the years have been past Advisors to the Board of Directors Gordon Ewers and Dale Koblenzer, and current Advisor to the Board of Directors Harrison Orendorf.

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Executive Director



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The St. Hilary Parish Foundation fosters philanthropy and serves as a steward of funds, to ensure a vibrant parish life, the highest standards of excellence in Catholic education and the sustainability of the Parish.

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