



Excellence in Education Annual Fund

# ROOTED IN FAITH, ANCHORED IN HOPE

"Building Strong Foundations. Inspiring Endless Possibilities"

Dear SCB Families,

This year, our school community is united by the theme *Anchored in Hope*, inspired by the promise that the hope we have in Christ is “an anchor for the soul, firm and secure” (Hebrews 6:19). As a Catholic school, this hope is at the heart of who we are. It grounds us in our faith, guides us in our mission, and reminds us that God is present in all that we do.



Each year, our Annual Fund campaign works in conjunction with our school theme, reflecting both our Catholic identity and our shared commitment to the future of St. Charles. This year, we are excited to partner with our Annual Fund Chairs, Michael Peterson and Colleen Durkin Peterson, as we launch our *Rooted in Faith, Anchored in Hope* Excellence in Education Annual Fund Campaign.

For generations, faith has been at the foundation of St. Charles. It is in that strong foundation that our students are given the opportunity to grow—academically, spiritually, and personally. And it is with hope that we look toward the future, committed to ensuring that the gift of a St. Charles education continues for generations to come.

The Annual Fund is one of our three major fundraisers and an important part of sustaining the exceptional education our students experience each day. Gifts to this year's Annual Fund will support our both our school endowment as well as our operating budget, directly benefiting every area of our school—from classroom resources and school programs to faculty development and compensation, extracurricular activities, campus improvements, and scholarships. These gifts make an immediate difference for our students during the current academic year.

Our goals this year are significant. We hope to achieve 100% participation from our school families as we work together toward our \$200,000 financial goal. Along with our annual auction, the Annual Fund helps bridge the gap between tuition and the true cost of educating each student, allowing St. Charles to continue providing an exceptional, faith-filled education while remaining accessible to families in our community.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how your family can participate in this year's Annual Fund. Every gift, regardless of size, is meaningful. More importantly, every gift is an expression of our shared belief in the mission of St. Charles and our hope for its future.

Together, we are Rooted in Faith, Anchored in Hope. Through our generosity, we strengthen the foundation that supports our students today while helping ensure that St. Charles continues to flourish for generations to come.

Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your continued commitment to our students and our school.

St. Charles Borromeo, Pray for us.

Jeanette Johnson, Vice Principal of Academics & Institutional Growth

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## Ways to Give:

- You will receive a donation/pledge card next week with a letter requesting your participation. Your contribution can be made at any time.
- We gladly accept cash, checks, credit cards, stock transfers, and company matched gifts.
- Visit our website - **Rooted in Faith, Anchored in Hope Annual Fund Campaign**

**Every donation is important!**

Many small donations become a large donation. You might also consider a monthly donation over the next 10



months; a donation of \$25 a month becomes \$250 after 10 months.

**All donations, whether large or small, are needed, welcomed, and appreciated!**

**Donate Today!**

## **A Letter from our Annual Fund Chairs:**

Michael Peterson and Colleen Durkin Peterson

Dear St. Charles Families,

Earlier this month, Pope Leo XIV reminded us that we “We cannot remain as unengaged spectators; rather, we must listen with our hearts, allow ourselves to be challenged, and become involved,” and that we are called to serve the lives of the people around us. That call feels especially fitting as we take on the honor of chairing this year’s Annual Fund —because St. Charles only becomes what it is when all of us lean in together.

That spirit shapes this year’s theme: **Rooted in Faith, Anchored in Hope** — Building Strong Foundations, Inspiring Endless Possibilities. Our faith is the foundation we stand on; our hope is what carries us forward, even in a world that can feel uncertain.

St. Charles is a generational school. Grandparents watch grandchildren walk the same halls as their own children. Families keep coming back year after year, generation after generation, because of the kind of place this is and the kind of young people it sends out into the world — grounded, faithful, and ready to lead. And this is just as much a place for our newest families. If you are new to St. Charles, you belong here every bit as much— you bring new energy, new ideas, and new life to this community, and that is part of what keeps St. Charles growing and getting better.

The Annual Fund is how we protect and build on all of it. It closes the gap between what tuition covers and what it truly costs to educate a St. Charles student, supporting our teachers, our classrooms, tuition assistance, and the countless improvements that make this school feel like home. Every family before us helped carry that weight; now it is our turn.

**Our goal is to raise \$200,000 with 100% participation — every SCB family taking part.** Not because every gift must be large, but because every gift matters. No amount is too small, and no contribution goes unnoticed. Participation itself is what tells our children we are all in this together, rooted in the same faith and anchored in the same hope for St. Charles.



We are grateful to be entrusted with this year's campaign, and even more grateful to be part of a community that shows up for one another this way.

With gratitude and love,

Michael Peterson and Colleen Durkin Peterson  
2026 – 2027 Annual Fund Chairs

**Donate Today!**



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