



forward—in faith—building disciples A CAMPAIGN FOR IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH





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A NOTE FROM THE CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

With hearts full of hope and gratitude, we write to share an exciting and important chapter in the life of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish. Together, we have the opportunity to strengthen the foundation of our beloved parish and school through a bold and prayerful undertaking: the Forward in Faith, Building Disciples campaign.

This \$6 million campaign will support two critical priorities. First, we will build a new, modern preschool to replace our aging early childhood building—ensuring our youngest learners are welcomed into a space designed for their safety, joy, and growth in faith. Second, we will invest in one of our greatest treasures: our teachers. By increasing compensation, we will be better positioned to attract and retain the passionate, faithful, and talented educators who shape the hearts and minds of our children each day.

These priorities are not just practical needs—they are investments in the future of Catholic education and the mission of Immaculate Heart of Mary. They reflect our deep belief that the early years of faith formation matter profoundly, and that our educators deserve the support and resources necessary to fulfill their sacred vocation.

We know this campaign will require sacrifice, prayer, and commitment. But we also know our parish family to be generous, faithful, and united in purpose. We invite you to learn more about the vision for this campaign and to prayerfully consider how you might participate. Together, we can ensure that Immaculate Heart of Mary remains a place where faith is nurtured, families are formed, and the love of Christ is passed on to new generations.

With gratitude and faith,

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STRONG ROOTS, BOLD HORIZONS

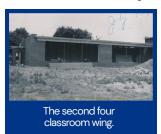
OUR SCHOOL'S RICH HISTORY

For generations, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic parish has been a beacon of faith and education in the Grand Rapids community. Rooted in our mission to form disciples of Christ through worship, service, and education, we are called to ensure that both our parish and school continue to thrive for years to come.

Since its founding in 1949, Catholic education has been a cornerstone of Immaculate Heart of Mary. From the very beginning, the school was a priority—an extension of the faith nurtured in our homes. Through the dedication and sacrifice of our founding members, a strong foundation was laid, enabling thousands of children to receive a Christ–centered education for nearly 75 years.

1954

Only two years later, a south wing of four more classrooms was added to the building.



1992

Pre-school begins at IHM in the building which was formerly the rectory, then the convent.



1952

The first school year began with 150 students in four classrooms



1957

Just three year later a west wing was added to the school, with six additional classrooms.



1992

A major renovation added two new classrooms, among other critical updates.







BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

A thriving school is essential to a flourishing parish. Catholic education not only prepares students for academic success, but also nurtures a lifelong commitment to faith and service. The school serves as a powerful magnet to the parish, drawing new families in and strengthening the foundation for the future.

To meet the growing needs of our families and to strengthen our future, we are embarking on a \$6 million fundraising campaign.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL FOCUS ON TWO PRIORITIES



Improving our preschool



Enhancing teacher pay through a new Teacher Compensation Fund

By expanding our preschool and investing in our teachers we will foster a new generation of disciples who will carry forward the mission of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish.

NEW PRESCHOOL BUILDING

STRONG FOUNDATION

Our preschool serves as the foundation of our school, instilling in our youngest learners a love for learning and a deep connection to their faith. However, our current facility is facing challenges, as the 76-year-old building was originally designed as our church's first rectory, then utilized as a convent, before eventually being converted to a preschool 33 years ago. The building has significant limitations including small rooms, a limited number of bathrooms, inadequate plumbing, and expensive ongoing maintenance.

By investing in a new preschool building, we are opening doors for more children to begin their educational journey in a faith-centered setting, ensuring that our Catholic values are instilled from a young age. Furthermore, our preschool serves as a strong pipeline to our Kindergarten classes, making it a key component in sustaining our school's stable enrollment.

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89%
On average 89% of students who attend IHM preschool move on to attend Kindergarten and beyond at IHM.

"JESUS SAID, 'LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE." - MATTHEW 19:14



A NEW PRESCHOOL WILL ALLOW US TO:

- Expand our ability to welcome more families by increasing capacity in both the traditional part-time preschool program, and the full-time enrichment program, which continues to be in high demand for working parents.
- Build a 7,000 square foot facility that will provide a safe, modern, and enriching environment that fosters academic and spiritual growth.
- Strengthen our parish by engaging more young families and establishing lifelong connections to the faith.

INCREASED CAPACITY
A new preschool building will almost double
the potential capacity that licensing will allow





TEACHER COMPENSATION FUND

INVESTING IN OUR TEACHERS

"WE HAVE DIFFERENT GIFTS, ACCORDING TO THE GRACE GIVEN TO EACH OF US. IF YOUR GIFT IS PROPHESYING,

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At Immaculate Heart of Mary, our teachers do far more than teach — they inspire, guide, and form the hearts and minds of our children in the Catholic faith. They are the heart of our mission, answering Christ's call to lead young souls to become His disciples.

To attract and retain these exceptional educators, we must offer competitive compensation that reflects the value of their vocation. Our teachers give generously of themselves every day — now it's our turn to support them. By investing in those who lead our classrooms, we are investing in what matters most: the spiritual formation, moral development, and academic excellence of every child entrusted to our care.

20+ CONVERTED

Within the last five years, more than 20 people, including multiple families, have converted to Catholicism after being part of the IHM school community.





ESTABLISHING A TEACHER COMPENSATION FUND WILL:

- Provide long-term, sustainable funding for teacher salary enhancements.
- Ensure that our educators are more fairly compensated for their commitment to Catholic education.
- Help us recruit and retain top-tier teachers who will shape the future of our students and our faith community.
- Allow annual tuition increases to remain manageable while compensating teachers more fairly.









JOIN US IN REACHING THIS IMPORTANT GOAL

We envision an Immaculate Heart of Mary community committed to forming disciples and strengthening our parish for generations to come. Investing in the future of our school and parish is a meaningful way to honor those who built the strong foundation we stand on today.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS CAMPAIGN



Offering prayers for the success of the campaign.



Sharing campaign efforts with other parishioners and encouraging their support



Providing financial support through:

- A one-time cash gift
- A three-year pledge commitment
- A gift of appreciated assets (i.e. stock)
- A gift from a required minimum distribution of an IRA (for donors 70 ½ or older)
- An estate gift

Your charitable gift is tax deductible to the full extent of state and federal law. Please check with your tax advisor to determine how your gift may affect your personal tax situation.

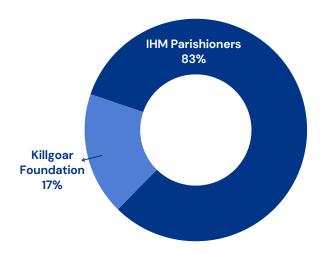
ANSWERING THE CALL

CAMPAIGN BUDGET AND DETAILS

Our parish mission states, "Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to be stewards of our time, talent and treasure for the sake of building up the Reign of God." Each initiative in this campaign has been carefully and prayerfully planned to ensure it supports our mission and strengthens our parish for the future.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

The \$6 million budget is planned to be funded through two sources:



IHM Parishioners - \$5 million The majority of this campaign will depend on the generous hearts of our parish family.

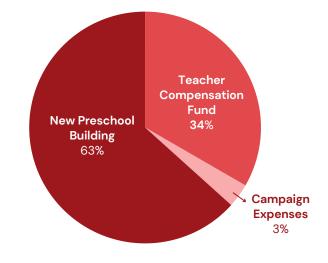
The Killgoar Foundation - \$1 million
The Killgoar Foundation will allocate
\$1,000,000 of its endowment in
support of the Teacher Compensation
Fund portion of the campaign.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

\$6 million will be allocated to two major initiatives:

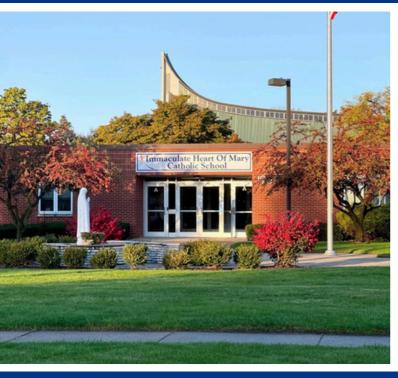
New Preschool Building - \$3.8 million Construction is anticipated to begin in 2026 with a target completion date for the start of the 2027-28 school year.

Teacher Compensation Fund - \$2 million
A successful campaign would allow for a 10% pay increase for our teachers, with anticipated implementation in the 2026–27 school year.
Any funds raised in excess of our campaign goal will be allocated towards this fund.





A CAMPAIGN FOR IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH





"DO NOT FORGET TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE WITH OTHERS, FOR WITH SUCH SACRIFICES GOD IS PLEASED."
- HEBREWS 13:16

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