

Blessed are the Children
2016-2017 Annual Giving Campaign



1927-2017

The *Blessed are the Children* campaign makes a Catholic education possible for everyone!



Mission Statement

The mission of St. Philip the Apostle School is to provide a child-centered learning environment in which the spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical needs of each child are met.

As an essential component of the teaching ministry of St. Philip the Apostle Parish, the school provides an exceptional education by integrating Catholic values with high academic standards and service to others.

The school embraces an appreciation of diversity and mutual respect and seeks to inspire each student to adopt his or her unique role as a child of God.



About St. Philip the Apostle School

Founded in 1927, St. Philip the Apostle School celebrates 90 years of enriching the lives of boys and girls in our community through rigorous academic training and strong faith formation. St. Philip is one of the oldest and largest schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Its modern, urban campus is home to 550 students.

St. Philip the Apostle School's tradition of excellence

St. Philip the Apostle graduates matriculate to many of the area's outstanding Catholic, private and public high schools where they establish themselves as campus and community leaders. Since 2010, *nine* St. Philip the Apostle graduates have been high school valedictorians and many more have distinguished themselves as student body presidents, athletic captains, drama leads, and valued members of their school's campus liturgy and community service programs. Beyond high school our graduates:

- Attend leading colleges and universities including Notre Dame, Georgetown, Harvard, Brown, MIT, USC, LMU, University of California (all campuses), West Point, Air Force Academy, USD, Purdue, Duke, Villanova, and more
- Pursue advanced degrees in medicine, law, education and business
- Discern religious and lay vocations in service of their church, country, and local communities



Blessed are the Children

Supports Every Student Funds Go Back into the School

Blessed are the Children is an annual campaign that bridges the gap between tuition and the actual cost of a St. Philip education. Since its inception 24 years ago, *Blessed are the Children* has raised over \$3,200,000 for much needed support and tuition assistance.

Over the last 24 years, *Blessed are the Children* has allowed St. Philip to:

- Grant more than \$1,000,000 in tuition assistance for our community's most deserving children
- Install leading edge technology to enrich and complement classroom learning: Wireless network, iPads, Chromebooks, mobile computer labs, and smart boards
- Hire teachers for the school's art, science, music, Spanish, library and technology programs
- Provide a child psychologist, resource specialists for upper and lower grades and a health coordinator
- Fund co-curricular programs: academic decathlon, choir, drama, sports, speech & debate, etc.
- Open the new Learning Commons and Primary Learning Center, two state of the art facilities, for our students

Teaching, inspiring and nurturing God's children for 90 years





Catholic Education is a Gift

What is the True Cost of Catholic Education?

In the past, Catholic schools were staffed almost entirely by religious personnel, making tuition artificially low. Today, however, like most Catholic schools, St. Philip the Apostle School relies almost entirely on lay faculty and staff. The cost of benefits, salaries and expenses required to run the school far exceed tuition revenue.

The reality is that tuition covers only 80% of the school's costs. Individual tuition falls \$1,254 short of the actual cost of educating a student at St. Philip the Apostle School for the 2016-2017 school year.

Why not just Raise Tuition?

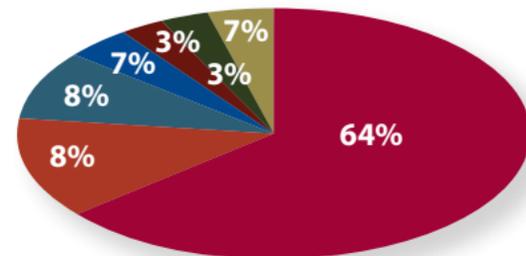
As a ministry of St. Philip the Apostle Parish, the school is committed to educating *all* students, regardless of family income. By keeping tuition affordable, we are able to fulfill our mission.

Our goal; \$220,000 and 100% Participation

This year, our goal is \$220,000 and 100% participation. Please help us continue to serve all the children of our community.

Strong Community Support

While almost 65% of the annual funds raised come from current families, we also benefit from a generous community.



- Parents
- Faculty and Staff
- Parishioners
- Community
- School Board
- Past Parents
- Grandparents



Help us Bridge the Gap

Simple Payment Options

Pay When You Can

Choose what makes sense for you: annual, semi-annual, quarterly or monthly.

Pay by Credit Card or Direct Debit

Use the parish online giving service, Faith Direct, to make your *Blessed are the Children* campaign payments. Choose credit card or direct deposit options.

Donate Online from the School Website

www.stphiliptheapostle.org/school

Checks are always accepted.

Employer's Matching Gift Program

You may be able to double your gift through your employer's matching gift program. Simply check with your employer and obtain a matching gift form.

We welcome your tax deductible gift, no matter the size.

Giving Levels

Angel of Hope	\$5,000+
Archangel	\$2,500-\$4,999
1927 Society	\$1,927-\$2,499
Guardian Angel*	\$1,254-\$1,926
Angel	\$500-\$1,253
Friends	\$1-\$499

* Fills tuition gap of \$1,254 per student

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