



St. Anthony Catholic Annual Fund/ Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is a School Annual Fund Necessary?

School tuition and fees only cover a portion of the overall cost to educate a student and to operate St. Anthony Catholic School. Therefore, it is necessary to develop a recurring revenue stream to raise essential funds from school families, parishioners, alumni, grandparents, friends and supporters within the local business community to maintain the excellence of, and to continue to grow the outstanding educational programs at our wonderful institution.

2. Why should I support the School Annual Fund?

Catholic education is a fundamental mission of the Church; St. Anthony Catholic School is an extremely important mission of St. Anthony Parish. The Annual Fund is an investment opportunity for those within and outside the Parish community to invest in Catholic education, the future of our Catholic school, and our Catholic youth. St. Anthony Catholic School cannot survive without the assistance and active involvement of our parish and school families. So too, an excellent school is critical to the continued health and vitality of St. Anthony Parish.

3. I want to contribute financially to the School Annual Fund, but do not know how much to give?

St. Anthony Catholic School has a limited donor base compared to a university or a large charity. As a result, each gift to the School Annual Fund – large or small – is critical. We hope that you will choose to make St. Anthony Catholic School your philanthropic priority through the School Annual Fund at one of the following giving levels:

“Bear Club”	Donations up to \$250
“Friends of St. Anthony”	Donations between \$250 and \$1,000
“Blue and Gold Club”	Donations between \$1,000 and \$2,500
“1956 Society”	Donations between \$2,500 and \$5,000
“St. Anthony Society”	Donations above \$5,000

4. What will my financial contribution to the School Annual Fund help support?

The primary funding goals of the School Annual Fund are to support and fund: (a) the Professional Development and Retention of Highly-Educated Professionals and Staff of St. Anthony Catholic School, (b) the purchase of Cutting-Edge Educational Technology and Upgrades, including Mobile Learning, (c) Tuition Assistance for current and prospective students, and (d) other general operating expenses of St. Anthony Catholic School.

5. Can I make a memorial or “in honor of” financial gift to the School Annual Fund?

Yes. Memorial gifts – those in memory of someone you loved or admired – is a particularly meaningful way to contribute to the School Annual Fund.

6. My employer has a matching gift program, can it be utilized in conjunction with my financial gift to the School Annual Fund?

Yes, please take the time to determine whether your employer has a matching gift program which may serve to double your donation to St. Anthony Catholic School. Matching gifts are taken into account in determining whether individuals or businesses attain certain giving levels. We would be happy to provide you with whatever documentation you may need in order to facilitate a matching gift.

7. As a school parent, why should I contribute financially to the School Annual Fund?

First, your child(ren) is/are the direct beneficiary(ies) of a high quality Catholic education, the cost of which is not fully covered by school tuition. Second, one of the goals of the School Annual Fund campaign is to limit the future increase in tuition and, if it is highly successful, the potential even to decrease the current amount of tuition charged at St. Anthony Catholic School. Finally, due to the tax deductibility of your contribution, there are significant tax advantages to you of contributing to the School Annual Fund as opposed to paying higher school tuition.

8. As a parishioner, why should I contribute financially to the School Annual Fund?

First, a primary mission of the Church is the promotion of Catholic education and values by educating our Catholic youth. There is no more direct way to support that ideal than to give to the School Annual Fund. Second, one of the goals of the School Annual Fund is to help stabilize the Parish's level of contribution to the school by helping to limit the need for future Parish increases.

9. Is my financial contribution to the School Annual Fund tax deductible?

Yes. Unlike school tuition, which is not tax deductible, contributions to the School Annual Fund are 100% tax deductible. That is one reason why a contribution to the School Annual Fund is far preferable to an increase in school tuition.

10. How do I go about making my annual fund donation?

There are two ways that you can make your annual fund donation:

- a. You can make an online donation by going to the School Website or Facebook Page and clicking on the link. There is a \$25 minimum for online donations.
- b. You can fill out the Annual Fund donation card and send it back to the school office.

11. Who do I contact if I have any questions?

If you have any questions about the Annual Fund at St. Anthony Catholic School, please contact our Principal, Tracy Hamner. He can be reached at 843-662-1910 or thamner@saintanthonycatholic.com.