



CEDAR VALLEY
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

UPDATE
Winter 2017

College courses available at Columbus Catholic

Did you know that Columbus Catholic High School students can earn up to 20 hours of college credit? They can also take them right on the Columbus campus with our current faculty!

Through a partnership with Hawkeye Community College, students who successfully complete these courses earn both high school and college credit at the same time. It's called concurrent credit, and lets students begin preparing for college-level coursework. It's also an excellent way to maximize your Columbus tuition - all of our concurrent courses are

included, and students pay only for the required course books. Concurrent credit programs are only available to juniors and seniors, and they must meet required test scores to register.

Another college credit option for Columbus students is the dual enrollment courses. These classes are open to all Columbus Catholic students, from freshmen through seniors.

These are taught online, and the cost of the courses are not included in Columbus tuition. Students must also meet required test scores in order to take dual enrollment classes.

LEARN MORE:

If you'd like to learn more about Columbus Catholic's college credit programs and offerings, contact school counselor
Maureen Beran at
mberan@cvcatholic.org
or 319-233-3358,
ext. 1122

Sailor Volleyball Takes State!



The Columbus Catholic High School Volleyball team won the 3A State Tournament with a three set sweep over Sioux Center. This is the second year in a row that the team has made it to the finals, and their first-ever state championship! Congratulations to Coach Hanna Nuss and the Sailor Volleyball team on an outstanding season!

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UPDATE
Advancement

Why do we fundraise?

The annual operating budget for Cedar Valley Catholic Schools is just over \$7 million. This budget is covered by a variety of income sources—tuition and fees, parish subsidies, the Student Tuition Organization (STO) tuition assistance awards, grants and fundraising efforts. The annual appeal efforts help bridge the difference between the funds available from tuition and parish support and

the actual costs incurred to educate each student and run the school system, a difference of \$450 per student.

In short, every gift helps to support every CVCS student in a variety of ways. With every gift, no matter what size, you aren't just making a donation to a school, you're starting a ripple of influence on a child's life and on every life they touch beyond these walls.

Cedar Valley Catholic Schools

July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017

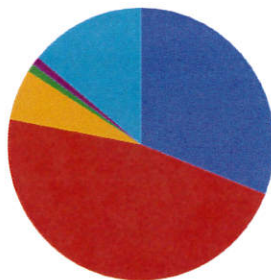
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OPERATING REVENUES

Tuition & Fees	\$3,430,418	31%
Parish Subsidies	\$2,263,080	47%
Development	\$462,957	6%
Archdiocesan Grants	\$97,907	1%
Other Grants	\$40,237	1%
STO	\$1,050,786	14%
TOTAL	\$7,345,385	100%

Revenue

- Tuition & Fees
- Parish Subsidies
- Development
- Archdiocesan Grants
- Other Grants
- STO

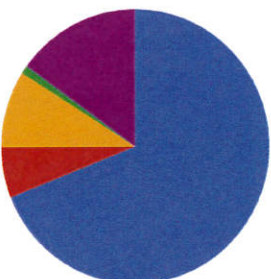


OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$5,295,191	69%
Instruction & Co-curricular*	\$474,895	6%
Maintenance*/Overhead	\$670,159	9%
Central Office*	\$71,831	1%
Tuition Assistance	\$1,183,246	15%
TOTAL	\$7,695,322	100%

Expense

- Salaries & Benefits
- Instructional & Co-curricular*
- Maintenance*/Overhead
- Central Office*
- Tuition Assistance



REVENUES VS. EXPENSE

Revenue K-12	\$7,345,385
Expense K-12	\$7,695,322
Preschool/Daycare (net)	\$73,228
ENDING BALANCE	-\$276,709

*Excludes salaries and benefits reported above.

WHY I GIVE



"I choose to donate to Cedar Valley Catholic Schools because I know people gave long before I came and allowed me to be able to go there, my sisters to go there, my friends to go there. It's my turn to give back the best way I can."

ROSE QUIRK
CHS '75

Columbus Holiday Tours

Take a walk down memory lane! Whether you live in the Cedar Valley or are visiting for the holidays, this is a perfect opportunity to stop in for a visit at Columbus Catholic High School! Find your locker, show your family your school and see some of the exciting changes that have happened in recent years! All are welcome—alumni, parishioners, friends and families! Tours are scheduled at 10 a.m. on November 25th and December 23rd.

For more information,
contact Darlene Hatton
at 319-232-1422
or dhatton@cvcatholic.org



CVCS ANNUAL APPEAL
JULY 1, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

Name: _____

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I would like to pledge \$ _____ to the 2017-18 Annual Fund.

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☐ I prefer to send my pledge in the month of _____
☐ I will fulfill my pledge (circle one) Monthly Quarterly

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2017-18 ANNUAL FUND Levels of Giving

- ☐ SUPREME.....\$10,000+
- ☐ LEGACY.....\$5,000-\$9,999
- ☐ LEADERSHIP.....\$2,500-\$4,999
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- ☐ FAMILY.....\$250-\$499
- ☐ FRIEND.....\$1-\$249



\$57,258

GOAL: \$150,000

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP JACKELS

World Day of the Poor • November 19, 2017



Last year, at the end of the Year of Mercy, our Holy Father Pope Francis – God grant him health and long life – announced a new Church observance: The World Day of the Poor.

This will be an annual observance, scheduled each year on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, occurring this year on 18/19 November 2017.

Other “world days” are set aside to pray for something, such as the World Day of Prayer for Peace. But this “world day” is not referred to as a day of *prayer* for the poor. What, then?

Pope Francis has talked about this day in a number of ways, such as:

- A reminder of the heart of the gospel - live simply so the poor can simply live;
- An occasion to reach out to and benefit people who are poor;
- An encounter with Jesus, who takes personally our care (or neglect) for the poor;
- A way to evangelize, by means of the attraction of our practice of mercy;
- A stimulus for justice and peace, for which caring for the poor is a *sine qua non*.

This is important, our care for the poor, because for us holiness means the imitation of Christ, and Jesus was poor, preached poverty, and modeled caring for the poor.

Jesus was poor, not in a dire material sense, but in that he didn’t possess anything, sharing with his disciples out of a common purse (*Luke 8:1*).

And Jesus did not require his followers to be poor, there being no virtue in poverty, in and of itself. Nor did he condemn people for being wealthy.

But he did condemn people for selfishness and refusing to care for others in need. And he did ask his followers to share their possessions in common, just as he did, so that no one would be in need (*Acts 2:44-45*).

That is what is asked of us today, to share our time, talent and treasure with the Church for its mission, and with the poor, so that they might enjoy the things needed to live in dignity.

This is an important practice of our Catholic religion, just as much as worshipping at Sunday Mass.



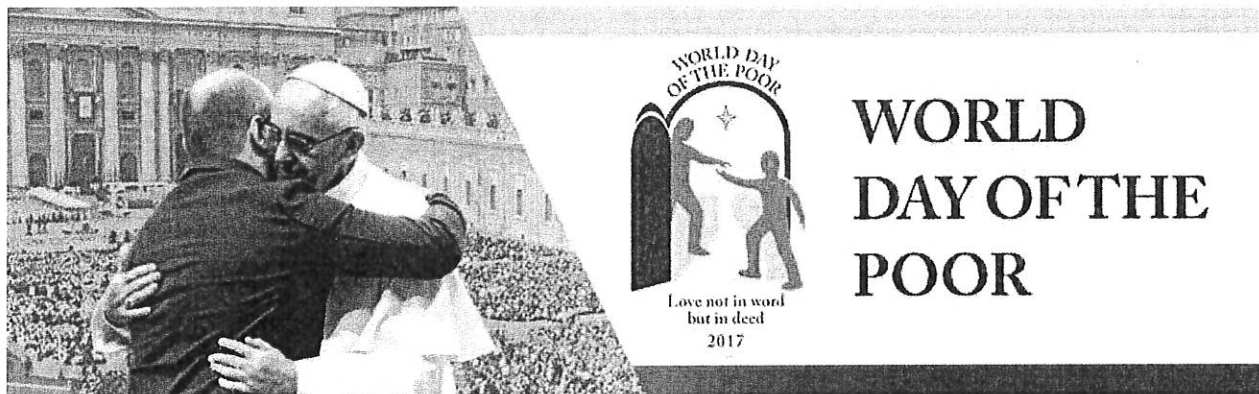
On this first observance of the World Day of the Poor Pope Francis will celebrate Holy Mass in St. Peter's Basilica with the poor of Rome, and then host a sit-down lunch for them in the Audience Hall next door.

Not everyone in every place can do something like that, but we can and must do something, in keeping with our own circumstances and resources. Here are some suggestions:

- Memorize what Mother Teresa called the *Gospel of the Hand*, where the five fingers of your hand represent how we will be judged by our care or neglect of people in need: "you - did - it - to - me" (*Matthew 25:31-46*). God takes personally what we do (or don't do) for others.
- Commit to do at least one work of mercy each day, planning the what, when and how either the night before or the morning before starting the day - maybe a visit or a phone call to someone who is lonely; or donate money to Catholic Charities for its service to the poor; or donate food to a local food bank.
- And even though this is not a world day of *prayer* for the poor, we can and should pray for people who are poor, and for the undoing of what has caused their poverty, and for a sense of responsibility to address that cause and to share with the poor.

Whatever our overture to benefit the poor, hopefully it won't be just a once-a-year observance, but will inspire a once-a-day *at least* practice, seeing care for the poor as the first and most important practice of our Catholic religion.

The poor need us in order to enjoy those things needed to live in dignity. And in a real sense, we need the poor in order that, by our care for them, we can show that we are true followers of Jesus. ■





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