



DREAM BIG

100th Anniversary Fund

SUSTAINING INNOVATION FOR THE SECOND CENTURY

May, 2018

Dearest Friends of Sacred Heart:

In late April of 2018, Sacred Heart Parish celebrated the 100th Anniversary of our parish school in Roslindale with a very successful DREAM BIG Gala which culminated a year-long series of celebratory events. We gave thanks for the wonderful teachers from the Sisters of Saint Joseph and the Sisters of Charity who shaped our school. Today, our present faculty continues to nurture the culture of innovation and excellence the Sisters started so many years ago. A faculty is the best asset a school has. And we have one of the best.

I want to give special recognition to Ms. Monica Haldiman, our principal, and Ms. Kate Cody, our vice principal, for their dynamic leadership in moving us into our second century. Many thanks also to Karen Cavanaugh and Colleen Verity who did such an excellent job of organizing the Gala celebration for our alumni.

In the last quarter century Sacred Heart School has faced new challenges and great opportunities. We have entered a new world for Catholic education. The challenge is to sustain ourselves. The opportunity is to innovate our parish school. The 100th Anniversary Fund is designed to help us meet this challenge and seize this opportunity.

A tradition was started twenty-one years ago when two graduates, Pat and Dan Roche invested in Sacred Heart School with a gift of \$1,000,000.00. Little did we know that this generous gift would lead the way for us to transform our school for the next century. At the same time, Peter and Carolyn Lynch stepped forward with the development of what has become the Catholic Schools Foundation. This Foundation has been offering tuition assistance to many of our scholars' families during the past 25 years. Their financial support has been transformative in allowing us to think anew for elementary education.

Specifically, these generous gifts have enabled our leadership to sustain Catholic education in Roslindale with three specific innovations:

We built, and are continually evolving, a new curriculum called S.T.R.E.A.M., (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art and Math) for the 21st century.

We developed the all day, year-round Carolyn Lynch Early Education center for children ages 2.9 to 5 years old - which also integrates a S.T.R.E.A.M. curriculum.

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We are reforming our 'beloved community' with a pastoral model of worship, learning and service for the development of our Catholic school scholars and family.

The 100th Anniversary Fund is intended to give all alumni and friends of Catholic education an opportunity to support Sacred Heart's journey. In the past nine months over 150 donors have stepped up to make generous financial contributions, with the Gala bringing in even more support. We have now raised over \$1,000,000.00 for the 100th Anniversary Fund. This is a true distinction for an elementary school in the Archdiocese of Boston.

In line with tradition, our alumni continued to step forward with major gifts which have helped us reach this milestone. Rick and Kathy Roche have honored their family's dedication to Catholic education in Roslindale with a three-year gift. As well, six alumni members of the Muldoon family came forward at the Gala with a collective challenge gift of \$115,000 in gratitude for the great educational and spiritual foundation they received at Sacred Heart. They hope to encourage other families to join them in supporting the fund.

Unfortunately, tuition alone does not support a Catholic school. We require additional, ongoing fundraising in order to ensure that we can attract and retain high quality faculty, continue to innovate our curriculum to keep pace with the demands of college and career readiness, maintain safe and vibrant facilities and technology and provide tuition support for families. We have set a goal of raising \$2,000,000.00 dollars to ensure a firm financial footing for Sacred Heart School. We are halfway there.

I invite you and your family to make a gift to the 100th Anniversary Fund. A gift of any size is appreciated and will qualify for a match through the Muldoon Family Challenge. Major gifts can also be recognized with a naming opportunity at the school for a STREAM lab or a music, art or dance room or security system; and as a Legacy Gift for the Endowment.

Please support Sacred Heart School as we build for the next century. To do so, you may visit the Give Now page of our website www.sacredheart-boston.org/87 or contact Colleen Verity at cverity@sacredheart-Boston.org for further information.

With Blessings,

Msgr. Frank Kelley

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