



Top left clockwise: Father Andrzej Stenzina and Archbishop Miller at blessing of school in 2015; the new school; former Principal Cathie Oberndorf and Principal Michael Yaptinchay cutting the 10th anniversary cake; former long-time teacher Anna Yule; Father John Brioux blessing the new school; the first day of school with children waiting outside; the first one through the door.

Celebrating our 10th Anniversary – A School All Bright and New

Ten years ago, on September 14, 2015, our new school opened and what a day that was! Over the course of one weekend, having been given the 'keys' to our beautiful new school, hundreds of volunteers, staff members, parishioners, alumni and students helped us to move from our wee, very old school on 8th Avenue, to our brand-new building on 7th Avenue.

Milestones are to be celebrated and our Parish community quietly did just that at the conclusion of each Mass on the weekend of our 10th Anniversary – September 13 and 14.

A team of Faith and Foundation members greeted parishioners in the Parish Centre and expressed thanks for all that had been done to bring our first two phases of the new school to completion. The guests of honour were our parishioners, from the youngest to the oldest, new members of our communities and those who have been with us for decades and visitors.

Surprise, delight, smiles and sharing of stories filled the Parish Centre that weekend – reminding us of the profound blessing of our Parish community, and all

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CAMPAIGN GOAL
\$500,000

RAISED TO DATE
\$296,000

Fall Campaign 2025 Key Dates

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| Week 1: | October 18/19 | Fall Campaign Launch, including video |
| Week 2: | October 25/26 | Parent Testimonials,
School choirs at 9am & 11am masses |
| Week 3: | November 2/3 | Parent Testimonials, School tours after masses |
| Week 6: | November 27 | Donor Appreciation Evening, 7:00 pm,
School Learning Commons |

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the loyal people who made our new school possible.

Our back story – as a reminder of so much good

One of the quiet but significant blessings of our new building was that, with the help of planners, architects and our Building Committee, we were able to build on the exact location of our



first school on 7th Avenue in 1911. That historical, 3 story brick building was 'home' for forty three years to students from Grade 1 through Grade 10. The Sisters of St. Ann who taught there

during that time were so delighted that we had come back to their original location.

May God continue to bless the good work of our Parish long into its future!

Planning for school building completion

Earlier this year at our school's annual general meeting Father Ignacy announced that he initiated a process to start examining the parish's total capital building needs. This will cover the church, parish centre, adjoining church property and the final phase of the school building project. This effort will be undertaken by members of the Parish leadership team, finance committee and the original chair of the school building committee with the assistance of project and architectural consultants. A reference committee of parishioners and school parents has also been struck as an advisory body for the early stages of this review. All of this will assist the parish determine its short, medium and longer-term priorities for its building program.

2025 Fall Campaign Launch



I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new parishioners, staff, and families who have joined our St. Augustine's community – we're blessed to have you with us.

I'm deeply grateful to begin my second year as

Chair of the Faith and Foundation Fall Campaign.

What a privilege it has been to witness firsthand the incredible generosity and unity of our parish family – it truly exemplifies how we proclaim our faith not just in words, but through our actions and shared commitment to Catholic education.

My wife Diana and I have been parishioners at St. Augustine's for 14 years, with three of our four children attending St. Augustine School. You'll most likely see us at the 9 am Mass on Sundays, sitting as close as possible to the altar.

Faith and Foundation is a committee of parishioners, parents, and staff, dedicated to fundraising for the building of our school. We are near the final phase of our school's development, which will include a new gym and playground. This effort has been ongoing for nearly 26 years, thanks to the dedication of countless volunteers.

The Fall Campaign joins school and parish families in giving. Together, through your prayers and contributions, we strengthen our parish's mission of Catholic education.

In the coming weeks, you'll hear more about our Fall Campaign. Whether you're able to contribute financially, volunteer your time, and/or offer your prayers, every form of support is appreciated. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

May God bless you and your families. Thank you in advance for your support!

Jonathan Ma

Chairperson, Fall Campaign



In Prayerful Thanksgiving

**Father Terry McNamara,
OMI 1937 -2025**

Father Terry McNamara was born in Timmins, Ontario in 1937, and chose to commit his life as a priest to the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1979. Raised in a humble and faith-centred Catholic family, he modeled throughout his life his love of God, deep commitment to his Oblate vows, and his willingness to serve in a wide variety of ministries throughout his priestly life.

Father's obedience included teaching, serving seven parishes throughout the Province, and as Rector of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria. During his time of retirement, he was called back to St. Augustine's and was our Pastor who signed the documents to confirm our building of our new school.

He is remembered by many as a man of deep faith: he was wise, with a well-balanced sense of judgment, and demonstrated a good sense of humour. His deep attachment to his Oblate vocation was demonstrated in the kind, considerate ways of engaging with all communities that he served throughout his lifetime.

Following a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease, Father Terry passed away on April 28, 2025. Our Parish community prays in thanksgiving for his goodness to us during his time as our Pastor. Rest in peace, Father Terry.

School Theme for the Year: Proclaiming our Faith

Each school year, The Catholic Independent Schools of the Vancouver Archdiocese (CISVA) chooses a theme that focuses on Faith - this year it's "Proclaiming our Faith".

But what does this mean to us at St. Augustine's? In so many ways, it is the challenge we all face at the conclusion of each Mass. The priest can conclude with "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord" or "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life" ... or simply "Go in peace."

How does our School community Proclaim?

Every month – led by Father Ignacy and assisted by Michael Yaptinchay and the



A grade two student at her First Communion

Liturgy of the Word ministry - students, parents and staff come together at the 9:00 Mass to be lectors, musicians and greeters. Parents assist with hospitality after the 9:00 and 11:00 masses, and they also take part in Sacramental preparation programmes when their children are in Grade 2 and 7.

Students, families and staff help support the good work of Sancta Maria House, contribute to the Oblate Missions, and

share the blessings of Catholic education at parish and community gatherings.

Throughout our Fall Campaign, parents speak at weekend masses, testifying to the impact of Catholic education on their families.

Grade 7 students are Prayer Partners with our Seniors, and support Seniors Lunches throughout the year. Many students choose to be lectors at weekend masses and serve as altar servers long after they graduate from our school.

By prayerfully choosing to live our lives in Faith, we are proclaiming the Gospel, and when we commit to doing this together, we enrich our entire parish.

How do I make a gift to the Campaign?

Faith & Foundation welcomes gifts in the form of pledges, outright financial gifts and gifts of stock/securities or gifts that are the result of a bequest.

1. You may donate by cheque, credit card or direct debit. Please make cheques payable to: *St. Augustine's Church - School Building Fund*
2. You may also donate online:
<https://my.charitableimpact.com/send/to/group/faith-and-foundation-st-augustine-school>
3. You may complete a pledge form at the parish or school office or donate by phone **604-736-4455** (Ext. 231)

Please contact us at the same number or send us an email at donate@faithandfoundation.com if you have any questions.

Thank you from the Faith and Foundation team.



From Our Principal



Dear St. Augustine's,

What a wonderful start it has been to our new school year! September has flown by, and in these first few weeks I've already seen so many moments that reflect the heart of who we are as a community.

More than anything, what shines through is love. It's the love we see in our classrooms, in the friendships we share, in the care of our families, in the dedication of our teachers and staff, and—above all—in our love for God. I feel truly blessed to be part of such a faith-filled and supportive community.

On this 10th anniversary of our new school building, as we journey together under this year's CISVA theme, "Proclaiming Our Faith," I know that love will continue to guide us. We are called to listen to Jesus, to live with love, and to bear witness to our faith wherever we find ourselves—at school, at home, in our parish, and in our wider community. After all, what is it to live our faith if not to proudly and joyfully share it with others?

To Father Ignacy, our parish friends, our families, students, teachers, and staff—thank you for your ongoing support and commitment. I'm grateful for each of you and excited for all that this school year holds for us.

With gratitude,

Michael Yaptinchay



Living,
Celebrating, &
PROCLAIMING
OUR FAITH

A Few Words From Our Pastor

*Dear parishioners and friends
of St. Augustine Parish and School:
Greetings to you all!*



Over these first years as Pastor of St. Augustine's Parish, I have come to know of the immense goodness of our Parish community: our

young students, the gifted and generous staff of the Parish and School, various leadership teams, long-standing parishioners, many generous donors and prayerful contributors to Faith and Foundation.

This has been a long-standing commitment by our Parish. We have come to this place because of support of committed Catholics and benefactors such as yourselves... focused on continuing a strong, catholic education for our children by completing our third phase of the school project.

Over the course of this year's Fall Campaign, I pray that God will bless you in whichever way you need for your generosity and love you have shown. Please continue your prayers for the work to complete our School's final phase – and I ask that you continue to be faithful through your gifts of TIME, TALENT and TREASURE.

With gratitude to you for every gift you have shared.

I believe that with us working together and with God's help, we can come to that time soon.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Ignacy Warias, OMI

Thank You

2000 - 2025

25 Years of Raising Funds to Rebuild our School

Total Donations and Pledges*: \$15,663,096

Pledges Outstanding: \$ 119,650

Total Donors: 1495

Total Gifts: 6749

Current building fund: \$ 3,850,000

* Faith and Foundation funds are held in reserve for the sole purpose of completing the St. Augustine school building project.

2024

Financial Report

January - December 2024

The Financial Report provides donors to St. Augustine's Faith and Foundation Campaign with a full record of our gifts, other income and costs incurred during 2024. This report was initially published in

the spring of 2025 as part of our Parish's broader financial reporting.

We thank all our donors for their faithful support over the past 25 years as we now prepare for the last phase of our school building project.

	Actual 2024	Actual 2023
School Construction		
Amount reserved for next construction phase as of December	\$3,426,500	\$2,620,000
Faith and Foundation Statement of Fundraising and Expenditures For the Year Ended December 31st		
Fundraising		
Annual fundraising	\$ 631,500	\$ 645,700
PTT event	182,000	177,500
Interest	100,000	49,200
Total Fundraising	\$913,500	\$872,400
Expenditures		
Administration *	61,500	53,700
PTT expense	50,500	39,700
Total Expenditures	112,000	93,400
Surplus Before Other Items	\$801,500	\$779,000
Other Items		
Bequests	5,000	105,000
Surplus of Fundraising over Expenditures	\$806,500	\$884,000

* Includes office expenses, bank charges and salaries for two part-time staff who are responsible for managing the donor database and supporting Faith and Foundation.

School Building Fund Totals (September 2025) \$3,850,000

2000 - Grateful For Your Generosity - 2025

CAMPAIGN STARTED	CAMPAIGN TITLE	STUDENTS	SCHOOL STAFF	DONORS	GIFTS	FUNDS RAISED
2000	Project Jubilee	224	15	1	1	\$25,000

BROAD SUPPORT FROM FAMILIES WITH AND WITHOUT CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL

2025

CAMPAIGN TITLE

Faith & Foundation



STUDENTS

407



SCHOOL STAFF

50



DONORS

1495



GIFTS

6749



FUNDS RAISED

\$15,663,000

ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL
BUILDING FUND

\$3,850,000

\$2.36 Million

BEQUESTS RECEIVED

GIFTS OF SHARES RECEIVED
\$1.3 Million

\$2.0+ Million

PASS THE TORCH RAISED (2008-2025)



THE WAYS YOU GAVE

ANNUAL PARISH & SCHOOL
Fall Campaign

Spring Registration

Pass the Torch

After School Club

Bequests

Gift of Shares

FUNDRAISING EVENTS BY THE
C.W.L. & K. of C.

STUDENT
Birthday Party
DONATIONS

Parishioner/Student
LED-ACTIVITIES

In Memory/In Honour
DONATIONS

