

## Welcome to our 2021 Fall Campaign



We're so happy to kick off this year's Fall Campaign with the astounding news that because of your generosity we have paid down our debt on the first two phases of our school building project.

It took everyone of us – school parents, children, parish members and so many others - through our annual donations, bequests and contributions to Pass the Torch to achieve this feat well in advance of our original 20 year mortgage.

While we continue to be grateful for this immense accomplishment in support of Catholic education, this year's Campaign is now focused on raising the capital required to finish what our Parish began two decades ago.

May we all continue to be prayerful and grateful for the blessings of our Parish School and generous to this year's Fall Campaign!

Lisa Hermanson,  
*Chair of the Fall Campaign*



## Parish Makes Final Payment: Planning for Phase 3

After 21 years of praying, planning and establishing a culture of giving without measure, our Parish debt for the first two phases of our School was fully repaid this fall.

It was all of you – and many, many more – who made sacrifices to see this big task of a brand new, double-streamed school at St. Augustine's Parish become a reality. It was all of you who made it possible to eliminate our \$4 million debt in six years.

We are humbled by the generosity of nearly 1300 donors since we started our journey twenty years ago, the dedication of so many teams of families and parishioners who were undaunted by the many challenges we faced – **AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL!**

We are at an important milestone as we prepare for the third, and last phase of our school building project. While the timing has yet to be determined, our focus will now turn to the necessary planning and approvals that will be required and, of course, continued fundraising so we can bring this to a completion.

It's an exciting time and we are filled again with **HOPE**. Congratulations everyone – together we have accomplished a great feat – and we are brought to our knees in humble gratitude.

**CAMPAIGN GOAL**  
**\$500,000**

**RAISED TO DATE**  
**\$282,775**

Donations accepted until Dec. 31, 2021

### Fall Campaign 2021 Key Dates

<b>Week 1:</b>	<b>October 21</b>	Fall Campaign Launch & Special Announcement
	<b>October 23/24</b>	Campaign Video at all masses
<b>Week 2:</b>	<b>October 30/31</b>	Parent Testimonials
<b>Week 3:</b>	<b>November 6/7</b>	Parent Testimonials

## With Gratitude

In 2010, when the Napoli family brought their eldest son to our school for Kindergarten, Rob was asked by the leadership team to join our Faith and Foundation team.



Rob accepted the challenge and for the past 10 years, he has been our Fall Campaign chair. His leadership role in working closely with school families and willingness to serve the broader community of St. Augustine's has blessed our work during the time his boys were in our school. It was during Rob's leadership that the participation rate of our school families in the Fall Campaign reached a sustained and near 100 percent.

We thank Rob for his faithfulness as Chair of the Fall Campaign, knowing he will be a positive mentor to **Lisa Hermanson**. We are grateful for his continued role as a member of Faith and Foundation.



## Our After School Club

Since its inception in 2015, the **After School Club** at St. Augustine School was created in response to help our school parents with affordable and reliable care for their children after school hours.

We are pleased to share that the leadership of the After School Club now is in the respected and capable hands of **Heidi Battiston**. Heidi has deep knowledge of the school community and its parents, the respect of the ASC support staff, and the ability to embrace this new responsibility with confidence.

The transition to new leadership has been very well received by families and the ASC staff, and we welcome Heidi to her new role.

## Welcome to Leadership within Faith and Foundation

**Lisa Hermanson** and her husband, John, were raised in strong Catholic families in Ontario and moved to Vancouver fifteen years ago. Lisa chose St. Augustine's as it was their neighbourhood church and she was drawn to its beauty and prayerfulness.

Like so many other families in our community, with their daughter, Ava, approaching school-age, Lisa began to think about how she might give of her time to the Parish. While attending Sunday Mass, a presentation was made seeking volunteers to help with the Refugee Committee.

Lisa was drawn to this ministry as she believed that the work would be impactful and could make a difference in the lives of the large family that was coming to Canada. In every way, Lisa's engagement brought her a sense of purposeful giving of her time and talent. She and Ava met the refugee family at YVR on their arrival day and worked closely with them as they started their new life in Canada.

Ava joined our School a year ago and it wasn't long before Lisa was asked by *Rob Napoli* to be a class champion for the Fall Campaign – providing her with a quick introduction to other families in her grade group. This summer, as the leadership team of Faith and Foundation was searching out new leadership for the Fall Campaign, Lisa's name was top mind for the team.

She was asked by the very person who spoke at the mass about the refugee family, and as Lisa said: "I just do whatever he asks of me." Such loyalty and ongoing commitment to our Parish bodes well for all of us and we welcome her as our Fall Campaign Chair and thank her for her generosity of spirit and talent.



*The Hermanson family*

## In Prayerful Thanksgiving

### Shigemi Mori 1969 - 2021

As an alumni parent of St. Augustine School and mother to Maral and Parsa Heydarzadeh, Shigemi Mori lived a kind and generous life. Born in Nagoya, Japan in 1969, Shigemi came to Canada to explore a new country, expand her English and use her newly-acquired business skills.

She and her husband Ahmad brought their first child, Maral, to our Parish School, and shortly thereafter, Shigemi joined RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) to ensure that she shared her children's faith. Three years later, their son, Parsa, came to Kindy.

Parents such as Shigemi touched the lives of many: her loyalty to the school, deepening friendship with fellow parents and the courage she lived inspired those who came to know and love her.

A great testimony to her life well-lived was her well-attended funeral held at St. Augustine's over the summer.



### James Macdonald 1932 - 2021

Born and raised in Vancouver, Jim attended St. Augustine's first school. He and his wife, Sue, dedicated their lives to raising their three children surrounded by family and friends. An architect by training, Jim loved design, great conversation, family meals and baseball. Following University in the US, the MacDonald's moved home to Vancouver to raise their young family while Jim began his own firm.

In Sue's determination to demonstrate her support for our work to build a new school, she gave generously of her time and talent. For eight years, she created the beautiful outfits for the American Doll that was auctioned at Pass the Torch.

Dedication to his family was evident at Jim's funeral held in our Parish in August.

**Determined, loving and family-centered people such as Shigemi and Jim have blessed many throughout their lives – may they Rest In Peace.**

## Taking Steps on the Road to Reconciliation

Canada's residential schools have been the centre of public attention following disclosure of unmarked graves at a former school site in Kamloops this past spring.

The work of reconciliation with our Indigenous communities is not an event but an ongoing process. As Catholics, we are members of a church that, along with other Christian churches and the Federal government, was involved in teaching and administering at these schools.

At St. Augustine's, we want to contribute in some way to this important process of reconciliation and will be advancing two actions:

- First, education is always a great place to start. The Parish website has curated some key documents to help parishioners access information about the Truth and Reconciliation Report and commentary by various church representatives and organizations. The Parish will continue to update this information so that it is timely and helpful. Please visit the parish website at [staugustineschurch.ca](http://staugustineschurch.ca).
- Second, our *After School Club* has from its inception made annual donations to our Parish to support its efforts to build our new school. For 2021, the *After School Club* will be making its donation to the Indian Residential School Survivors Society directed at assisting our Indigenous brothers and sisters. This donation will be facilitated at the end of 2021 and will be reported to the community at that time.

## Better than NETFLIX

With fall and winter upon us, and days growing darker, you might consider going to our school's website and opening up all the videos that are there.

At the click of a finger, you'll find stories of our history, experiences that enrich school life, background on building our new school and so many stories of hope and joy. You, too, can be lifted up by the goodness and caring that is our Parish School.

So, grab a cup of tea or coffee, curl up in a favourite place, open up your computer and celebrate the many ways in which WE ARE FAMILY – caring, growing in faith and loving one another. Please go to: [faithandfoundation.com](http://faithandfoundation.com)

We are glad you want to know more about our SCHOOL FAMILY!

## Continuity of service is a hallmark of the Faith and Foundation leadership team, and it is a privilege to share the stories of two women who provide the critical administration which supports our work.

**C**hristine Guzman was one of the eager parents to volunteer at our first Pass the Torch committee back in 2001. Her gifts and enthusiasm were recognized by the then Project Jubilee leadership team (precursor to Faith and Foundation) and was asked to join the team in 2002.

Christine brings her strong technological skills, knowledge of the Parish and School community, and passion for our School and Parish which have helped to guide us throughout her time of service. This has been vital to ensuring the transparent financial accountability that is key to the success of our dream to build a new school.

Christine recognizes our donors as dedicated to their faith, generous and supportive of our Parish and School community, and who universally believe in the importance and value of Catholic education.



Christine Guzman(l) and Colleen Vinnick (r)

**C**olleen Vinnick was a long-time member of the Pass the Torch Committee. After two years serving as its co-chair she was asked to join the Faith and Foundation Committee in 2009.

Colleen assists the Faith and Foundation leadership team, working closely with the school and parish offices. Part of her role is to facilitate online gifts, gifts of shares and helping maintain the donor database.

When asked what she has come to learn about our donors, she said: “The school parents, students, parishioners and seniors are committed donors. It is great to learn about the creative kinds of donations – children collecting money at their birthday parties, a senior couple collecting thousands of dollars in pennies and generous bequests to name a few.” They are passionate about the St. Augustine community, generous, faithful and [as a group] believe in helping future generations.

We are truly blessed to have Christine and Colleen as integral members of our leadership team, and grateful for their many years of service to our Parish.

## Pass the Torch – Celebrating our 20th!

**C**ommunity and coming together is central to who we are and this year our PTT team went online – and created for all of us an amazing PTT Virtual Gala!

Going live-streamed allowed entire families to enjoy the evening: PTT included a magic show, a ‘walk down memory lane’ with photos and videos of past galas, options for a heat and serve dinner, as well as online cooking classes for the adventurous, Parish and grade level zoom breakout rooms, auction items and the opportunity to donate through Fund a Need.

Through the creative, time-intensive planning of the PTT team, the event was a resounding success on all levels – and raised over **\$136,000** towards reducing the debt on our new school. Thank you to everyone, especially **Marta Beynon and her team**, and all those who joined.

Thank you to the organizers, and all those who attended ~ and be sure to watch for PTT 2022!



# 2000 - Grateful For Your Generosity - 2021

YEAR <b>2000</b> CAMPAIGN TITLE <b>Project Jubilee</b>			YEAR <b>2021</b> CAMPAIGN TITLE <b>Faith and Foundation</b>		
STUDENT POPULATION <b>224</b>	DONORS <b>1</b>	GIFTS <b>1</b>	STUDENT POPULATION <b>399</b>	DONORS <b>1297</b>	GIFTS <b>5207</b>
SCHOOL STAFF <b>15</b>	FUNDS RAISED <b>\$25,000</b>		SCHOOL STAFF <b>51</b>	FUNDS RAISED <b>\$12.5 Million</b>	

~50% Funds Raised From Parish

~50% Funds Raised From School Families

PASS THE TORCH Celebrating 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2021  RAISED OVER <b>\$1,200,000</b> FOR SCHOOL BUILDING FUND  OVER <b>3,000</b> AUCTION ITEMS	<b>99%</b> School Family Participation Rate  <b>\$2.3 Million</b> BEQUESTS	GIFTS OF SHARES <b>\$1,062,500</b>  <b>20</b> YEARS LENGTH OF LOAN LOAN PAID <b>6</b> YEARS
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**THE WAYS YOU GAVE**

- Fall Campaign
- Spring Registration
- Pass the Torch
- Bequests
- Gift of Shares
- ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH C.W.L. & K. of C. FUNDRAISING EVENTS
- After School Club
- Birthday Party DONATIONS
- Parishioner/Student LED-ACTIVITIES
- In Memory/In Honour DONATIONS



### Our sincere apologies

In our Spring 2021 Faith and Foundation Newsletter, we wrote a story entitled, "Continuing the Legacy of the Oblate Fathers".

We apologize to the many Oblate Brothers whose dedication to both our Parish and the broader Oblate community were not acknowledged in our story and we thank the Oblate leadership team in Ottawa for helping us to correct this omission.

# 2020

## Financial Report

This Financial Report provides donors to St. Augustine Faith and Foundation Campaign with a summary of our gifts and pledges, other income and costs incurred during 2020.

We thank all our donors for their faithful support over the past 21 years as we completed the first two phases of our new school. Our combined fundraising efforts during 2020 yielded \$2.1 million inclusive of bequests to the campaign.

### The start of our Campaign

St. Augustine's campaign to build a new school commenced in 2000 when then-Pastor Father John Brioux, OMI, assembled a group of parish leaders to study the needs of our aging elementary school. This review included an engineering feasibility study that found that it would be more cost-effective to replace the school than repair or renovate the existing structure. A formal fundraising campaign was launched in 2001.

### Role of the Provincial Government and Archdiocese in funding a new school

The Provincial Government funds operating expenses for independent schools like ours equivalent to 50 % of the cost to educate a child in the public school system, with the remainder financed through school tuition. Provincial funding is not available for capital costs, such as building a new school. The Archdiocese provides interest subsidies.

### Campaign administration costs

In 2020, we spent \$56,800 to administer the Campaign. Our administration costs represent approximately 7 % of all funds received (exclusive of bequests) and is considered very low when compared to other philanthropic organizations in Canada.

We are fortunate to have so many people who volunteer their time to the Campaign, led by our Faith and Foundation steering committee. There are some activities that require paid, part-time support to undertake the weekly and detailed administration required to process, track and manage hundreds of donor transactions. There are also financial service charges, mailings, printing, equipment and general office costs. Our administration costs have remained stable over many years.

### Campaign financial accountability

The Faith and Foundation Campaign is accountable to the Pastor, Finance Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council. We report on all activities.

We have many checks and balances in our donation management system between Campaign, Parish and Archdiocese.

Donations are receipted and accounted for according to Canada Revenue Agency requirements. All donor information is held in strict confidence with access limited to the very few people required to manage this work.

We maintain the accuracy of our records by ensuring the health of our pledge commitments. Every year, the Campaign identifies pledges that will not be fulfilled. For 2020, our review indicates that pledges totaling \$13,309 will not be collected. We understand that personal circumstances can change and are grateful to all individuals for the donations they were able to contribute to the Campaign.

### Management of funds and discussion

All funds raised, net of expenses, are directed at fulfilling the monthly mortgage payments and paying down the debt's principal as quickly as possible. By the end of 2020, the Parish was able to reduce the school building debt by \$1.6 million to a total outstanding debt of \$1.1 million. As of the spring of 2021, the debt has been further reduced to approximately \$870,000.

Faith and Foundation is committed to promoting broad-based support for the campaign in order to reduce the debt as quickly as possible. Once achieved, we will be able to start planning for the final phase of the school, which includes replacement of the old gymnasium, semi-underground parking and other amenities.

### Thank you to our donors

Through the dedication and generosity of our donors we raised over \$2 million in 2020 - the most in any single year since we started fundraising for our new school.

This is the result of a broad base of support from all parts of our community.

We are blessed with the consistent support of our school families through all grade levels. Over the past four years, nearly 100 % of school families made annual donations.

We also continue to see strong participation from individuals and families who do not have children attending the school. They have supported the fall campaign, legacy giving and participation in major events. Last year, we were fortunate to receive a major bequest from a long-time parishioner which allowed us to significantly reduce our school building debt and move us closer to the day when planning will commence on the final phase of the school.

## Financial Report January - December 2020

### New School Construction

Outstanding loan amount as of Dec. 31, 2020	\$1,100,000
Amortization Period	20 years
Average Monthly Interest & Principal Repayments	\$21,000

### Faith and Foundation Statement of Fundraising Receipts & Expenditures Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 2020 2020

#### Receipts

Annual fundraising	\$ 810,750
Loan Interest Rebate	11,650
<b>Total Fundraising</b>	<b>\$822,400</b>

#### Expenditures

Loan interest	46,300
Administration*	56,800
PTT expense	4,750
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>107,850</b>
<b>Surplus Before Other Items</b>	<b>\$714,550</b>

Bequest	1,250,000
Loan Repayment	(1,600,000)
Capital Expenditure	(5,850)
<b>Surplus of Fundraising over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$358,700</b>

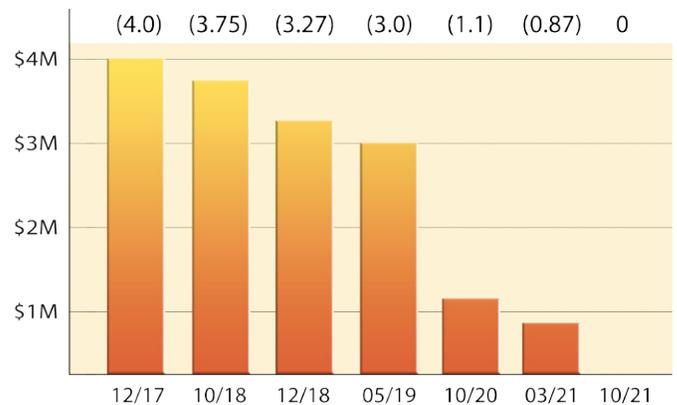
\*Includes office expenses, bank charges and salaries for two part-time staff who are responsible for managing the donor database and supporting Faith and Foundation.

## October 2021 Update

As a result of continued fundraising since last fall, including generous bequests, the parish's debt on the school building project has now been **fully paid**.

The prospect of completing the third and final phase of the school has taken an enormous step forward as the Parish has eliminated its debt. While timing of the last phase has not been determined, the Parish will start planning for next steps and necessary approvals in addition to ongoing fundraising activities.

### Parish Debt on New School Construction 2017- 2021



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## From Our Principal



During this month of October, it's most appropriate to express our immense gratitude to the entire community of St. Augustine's Parish and School for every big and small effort that has contributed to this time in our school's history. It has been six years since we moved into the new school, and there is much to celebrate and an equal number of exciting things to look forward to this school year.

During this exceptional time, we continue to work hard – students, parents and staff alike - and we are all so extremely grateful to every member of the teaching and support staff for the incredible time, energy, and commitment that is taking place to meet expectations, requirements, and serve the needs of the students in their care. Equally, we thank you the children, parents, families, and friends in our school and parish community for your flexibility, tenacity, dedication, and commitment to and support for each other. Thank you! We truly are in this together, and we cannot do it any other way.

In this month of Thanksgiving, which is also the Month of the Rosary, as we work towards recognizing that all our joys and all our hope come from God, let us begin to seek Him in all things and be grateful for all the blessings in our lives, not only in our homes but also in the common home that we share - our school and our parish. Let us pray for those less privileged and be an example of Christian gratitude, service, and love and a source of joy and hope for others.

The CISVA theme for the year is One Hope. One Family in Christ. Let us pray for each other as members of our St. Augustine family. Let us be a family for one another.

God Bless,

Michael Yaptinchay

# THANK YOU

**2000 - 2021**

Total Donations and Pledges\*: \$ 12,520,925

Pledges Outstanding: \$ 174,900

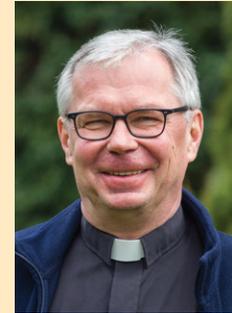
Total Donors: 1297

Total Gifts: 5207

\*Faith and Foundation Funds are held in a separate Parish/Archdiocesan account strictly for the purpose of completing the new school at St. Augustine's.

## A Few Words From Our Pastor

*Dear parishioners and friends of St. Augustine:*



As we continue into this season of bountiful harvest and thanksgiving, let us reflect with gratitude on the many blessings God has given us. I am especially grateful for our

School and Parish community; we are a family within families, all sharing the same hope in Christ.

We have paid off our new School mortgage debt thanks to the hard work and contributions of each and everyone of you. I am grateful for our small but mighty band of teachers, parents, children and supporters, most particularly for the Estate of Judge Patricia Proudfoot.

In this time of Truth and Reconciliation awareness, we remain grateful for the culture and lessons learned from our Indigenous neighbours. Let us continue to move forward together in heartfelt truth and prayerful reconciliation.

Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI  
Pastor

