

What is an Annual Fund?

An Annual Fund is a concentrated effort to raise money that will supplement tuition. The money is typically used for a specific goal but can also be used for the school's general operating expenses.

Why have an Annual Fund?

The Catholic School Management (CSM) process has helped St. Francis of Assisi school and the School Board identify many necessary improvements to the school; however, at current tuition and fundraising levels we are not able to implement all of them.

The need to raise money outside of tuition is always challenging, but if we eliminated all fundraising and relied solely on tuition revenue to meet the school's needs, we would be faced with significant tuition increases. In an effort to keep Catholic education affordable, an Annual Fund has become necessary to meet the needs of capital improvements for our school.

How will the money be used?

Our primary goal this year for the 2008 -2009 Annual Fund is to install an air conditioning system for the classrooms.

Who will be asked to support the Annual Fund?

It will first be necessary to begin the Annual Fund with those people who are most affected and best understand the mission of the school, namely, the Parents, Faculty and the School Board. This year our plan will be to also broaden the base of support and reach out to the parish, alumni, and friends of the school.

When will the Annual Fund begin?

Fall (Oct.) 2008. In order to begin the necessary work we would like to have the Annual Fund begin in Oct. and push to meet our goal by the end of the year.

We are excited about the opportunities that the Annual Fund will bring to St. Francis and our children. We are working hard to make this a success and look forward to your participation. Please visit our school website for more information

Gratefully,

Annual Fund Chair Janis Hoyt SFA School Board