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## **The Salem Catholic Schools Foundation**

**Marks 20 Years of**

**Emergency Tuition  
Assistance Fund**



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May 5, 2014, marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the May 5, 1994, Board resolution establishing the Emergency Tuition Assistance fund. This fund is financed with grants from the Larry and Jeanette Epping Family Foundation. The Salem Catholic Schools Foundation Allocations Committee receives requests for emergency tuition assistance from the principals of the Salem Catholic schools. No direct applications are made by the families. The request comes from the school, and the assistance is paid to the school to benefit the affected family.

The fund is designed to provide emergency tuition assistance, so that a child presently in one of our Catholic schools can remain in the school despite a family emergency which prevents the family from meeting its tuition obligation for a given school year. The school makes an application to our Allocations Committee and describes the emergency circumstances. These usually involve the death of a member of a family, a serious illness within the family, the loss of a job, or a similar challenging circumstance, where the family no longer has the finances to meet its obligation.

The Allocations Committee asks each school to indicate what other sources of funds have been applied to help meet the need. Working with the schools, our committee provides sufficient funds to help the affected child or children to remain in their Catholic school.

During the past 20 years, hundreds of children have been helped to remain in school when a family emergency has arisen.

Kevin Mannix, President of the Salem Catholic Schools Foundation, had this to say: "In the 20 years that I have run the Allocations Committee, I have been deeply moved so many times by the sad circumstances

**questions.**

**Thank you  
and God  
Bless!**



**Salem Catholic  
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Mission Statement**

The mission of the Salem Catholic Schools Foundation is to solicit, receive, and invest gifts to provide a continuing source of funds to support excellence of Catholic education in the greater Salem area.

confronting some of our families, but I have been equally moved by the opportunity to make their lives just a little bit better by ensuring that their children can continue to receive an excellent Catholic education. Our philosophy is that no family's financial emergency should cause a child to stop receiving a Catholic education."

Other members on the Allocations Committee are also touched by helping those in need of assistance.

"I have always believed that one of the responsibilities of our Catholic community is to educate our youth," SCSF Allocations Committee member Donna Garaventa said. "Many families place Catholic education as a high priority and make sacrifices to assure that their children are able to attend Catholic schools. The program administered by the SCSF, which is funded by the Epping Family Foundation, makes it possible for those attending Catholic schools to continue without interruption, even in the face of unexpected family financial crisis. I feel honored to be a part of the process that helps us meet our responsibility."



**Here is what Steve Schreiner, whose family owns**

**Schreiner's Iris Gardens, had to say about his Catholic education experience while attending SalemCatholic schools:**

"Most of the education I was fortunate to have, I received from Catholic schools: St Vincent's for elementary and Serra Catholic for high school. Nowadays, we hear of the detrimental effects of large class sizes. At St. Vincent's, classes were 50 students – in every grade, every year. We thought nothing of it. It is amazing what the Holy Names Sisters accomplished with such a workload."

"I attended Serra from 1959-1963. (It was) because of the quality of the teachers, I think I got a pretty good education. During my 4 years, I only had one bad teacher, which is quite a statement. On the whole, the discipline was pretty strict, and we got a lot of homework, which is as it should be. In retrospect, I wish they had given us more work."

"I do recognize the value in spiritual and moral instruction, and there is no question that it played a role in strengthening the curriculum."

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