



Spring Greetings!

This week happens to be *Teacher Appreciation Week*, which provides the perfect opportunity to talk about some of the difference-makers in our building. I can think of no better way to share the impact of the work our teachers do, day in and day out, than directly from our seniors, who recently shared the following in their scholarship essays:

*"Whatever teachers may be doing, you can guarantee that all of them are doing so **because they love you.** Monroe staff has always been a shining example of surrounding students with love. This has made it easier for me, as a student, to give love in return...I can't thank Monroe enough for the life skills they've taught me and **for the love I've been given.**"*

*"All the love that everybody has given me has transformed how I go about my day. I have been going through every day with a mindset of trying to lift someone up...I will carry the Monroe love with me throughout the next chapter of my life."*

While these particular quotes mention Monroe specifically, it is safe to say that this love permeates the building. One current staff member remembers prayer gatherings in front of the ICS office (before the beautiful new office space) singing chorus rounds of "Love, Love, Love" as an entire grade school, led by then Principal Sr. Marita Soucy, C.S.J. She asks that we not mention a year, although she will admit to being a first-grader at the time.

Our teachers show up *every day for every student*, and for that we are truly blessed. It's this work, this loving of all of our children, right where they are, every minute of every day, that sustains, fulfills, and guides our mission. This is the mission that needs your help as we continue to honor the past, celebrate the present, and invest in our future.

Haven't had a chance to donate yet? No problem, we're just getting started! Check out the school webpage: <https://www.catholic-schools.org/spring.html> or call the Monroe Foundation directly at (907) 313-3291.

**All donations will be doubled. Thanks to the generosity of Skip and Linda Johnson, Bert and Becky Bell, Judi and Mike Grahek, Jim and Sandra Haselberger, the Ken Lund Trust, Cheryl and Rick Schikora, and the Jesuits West, your donation will be doubled up to \$75,000. \$25 will become \$50, \$50 will become \$100, and \$100 becomes \$200. It's another opportunity for us to truly celebrate our strength and resilience while ensuring the mission continues.**

Thank you,  
Amanda B. Angaiak  
President, Monroe Foundation, Inc.



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