

On September 3, 1946 the Sisters of Providence and the Society of Jesus partnered to open a school in the basement of Immaculate Conception Church. In 1956, ten freshmen began as part of the first class of Monroe Catholic High School. 65 graduating classes later, we welcomed the Class of 2023 across the stage just a few weeks ago.

It is difficult to fully appreciate the great leaps of faith those Sisters of Providence and Jesuits took as they laid the foundation for our schools, not to mention those leaps our first families took, trusting those faithful to educate their children. Through their great dedication and faith, generations of students and families have felt the lasting influence of the Catholic Schools of Fairbanks.

That's really what our spring fundraiser is about, and why we changed the timing this year to coincide with our Alumni picnic. When we honor our past, celebrate our present, and invest in our future, we are talking about *people*. We hope that when you think of our schools, past, present, and future, you think of our students and families.

Not every student who attends Immaculate Conception Grade School or Monroe Catholic Jr/Sr High School graduates from Monroe. But each student that walks through the doors makes an impact. We, all students, teachers, faculty, staff, and families, are better for each individual member of our CSF Family, regardless of when they walked our halls. From the day-to-day minutia of the classroom (attendance, grading, verb conjugations, multiplication tables, recess duty,) to the major milestones (senior nights, championship games, graduations) and everything in between (weekly masses, grandparent lunches, moose on the playground, holiday concerts), the time we spend together is the ultimate celebration of life: those who live it, those who have come before, and those to come.

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.

With gratitude,

Amanda B. Angaiak President, Monroe Foundation, Inc.

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