



Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

2011-2012 Annual Fund

What is the *Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow* Annual Fund?

The Bishop McNamara Catholic High School Annual Fund is made up of annual gifts from alumni, current parents, grandparents, parents of alumni, board members, faculty, staff and friends. All gifts are unrestricted contributions for the sole purpose of supporting the operations of the school.

"Being a student at Bishop McNamara is like being part of a great family of faith. I feel that with this loving and family-filled atmosphere, we are able to support and guide each other to reach our highest potential and obtain success academically and spiritually."

~ Jenna Lawler, '15

Why is the Annual Fund necessary?

The BMCHS Annual Fund is the cornerstone of all fundraising for our school. Without it, BMCHS would not be able to keep its doors open for the entire school year. ***Tuition does not cover the full cost of educating a student at BMCHS.*** The \$1,000 difference per student must be found through other funds. This is why BMCHS depends on the Annual Fund each year. The most significant contribution any of us can make to Bishop McNamara Catholic High School is to the Annual Fund.

"We chose Mac because we believed it was the best school to prepare our daughters academically for college. After having a student at Mac for 3 years, we now understand that it also provides an environment which promotes responsibility, determination and compassion in its students. You can't beat the quality of the student that graduates from Mac!"

~ Shannon Hull, Parent

Matching Gifts

More than 500 companies match their employees' gifts. See your human resources department for the form and send it to us. The matching gift is counted toward your total gift to BMCHS. Your gift doubles if your company matches dollar for dollar—what better way to help in raising funds!

GIVE ONLINE AT:
WWW.BISHOPMAC.COM

Why should I give?

- Every dollar you contribute to the Annual Fund benefits each student attending BMCHS.
- You are helping to keep tuition low in order for more families to send their child to a private Catholic school.
- Corporations and foundations look to the total percentage of donor participation in giving before choosing who they will support.
- Your gift is tax deductible.
- If your gift is \$1,000 or above, you will receive an invitation to the *Guardian of Youth* Dinner held each spring.

How are the funds utilized?

The BMCHS Annual Fund provides basic needs to our academic community:

- Highly qualified faculty and staff
- All extracurricular activities
- State of the art technology
- Athletic facilities and equipment
- Maintenance of the facilities
- Tuition assistance

Why not raise tuition?

- The Annual Fund allows all families, alumni and friends to financially support the mission of BMCHS at whatever level they decide.
- Our tuition would be much higher, leading to exclusion of students and their families
- Tuition is not tax-deductible, however a gift to the Annual Fund is eligible



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"My wife and I are both alumni of BMCHS and we have sent all of our children to the school, as well. I feel that it has prepared all of us for the discipline needed for successful careers and lives. I would recommend BMCHS to anyone who wants to prepare their children spiritually, academically and personally for the future. I am proud to be part of the Irish Alumni!"

Annual Fund Recognition

Each gift to the Annual Fund is important regardless how large or small. Bishop McNamara relies on everyone to give because it will take 100% participation to raise the necessary funds each year. The Christian Excellence Society members make up the foundation of the Annual Fund. All individuals, companies and foundations are invited to join as members by making a gift of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund. All members of the Christian Excellence Society are invited to the *Guardian of Youth Award and Christian Excellence Appreciation Dinner* each spring.

The Christian Excellence Society

\$ 5,000 +	Celtic Society
\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999	Principal Circle Society
\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499	Emerald Society

School Patron Levels

\$ 500 - \$ 999	Irish Pride Club
\$ 100 - \$ 499	Shamrock Club
Up to \$99	Green & White Club

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"At Bishop McNamara, you never feel like you are at just a job. The kids make it all worthwhile and there is always at least one "turkey buzzard" that can make me smile, laugh or have a bit of hope. Every day is complete that I am around my students."

~Patt Harman, teacher