

To provide an affordable Catholic education, Archbishop Bergan Catholic School can no longer rely solely on tuition and support from St. Patrick's Catholic Parish. The "Bergan Fund" has been established as a direct and voluntary way for those who have been touched by the graces of a Catholic Education to help support Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. The Bergan Fund offers a tax-deductible opportunity for parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty/staff, and friends of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School to support our educational mission.

Donations are accepted at anytime by the Advancement Office or can be made online at www.berganknights.org/advancement/berganfund.html.

All Gifts to the Bergan Fund will be recognized in the Annual Report which is provided to our supporters annually, recognizing all donors and providing you with accomplishments of current students at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School and updates on Alumni of St. Patrick's/Archbishop Bergan. Recognition levels of giving will serve as an incentive to our donors:

- Platinum—\$5,000 +
- Gold—\$1,000
- Silver—\$500
- White—\$250
- Green—up to \$249

The Bergan Fund calendar will run from July 1st to June 30th every year.

For more information on the Bergan Fund, contact Bonnie Nebuda, Director of Advancement at 402-721-1846 or e-mail at bonnie.nebuda@berganknights.org.

Matching Gift Program

Many companies provide matching gift programs that multiply their employees' charitable donations.

To obtain a matching gift, contact your employer's human resources department for a form or information about online procedures. Complete the donor/employee portion of the form and send it to:

Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, Finance Office
422 East 4th Street,
Fremont, NE 68025

The Finance department will complete their part of the form, and return it to the company to initiate its fulfillment of the match.

DETACH HERE

Name should appear as you would like it reported in the Archbishop Bergan Catholic School Annual Financial Report.

Name (Ms., Mr., Mrs.) _____ Spouse _____ Phone # (H) _____ (C) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Check here if email is preferred method of communication. Class Year _____

Total Pledge Amount: \$ _____ Pay Options: One Time 12 monthly 4 quarterly Perpetual

YES! I want to be in the Bergan Challenge Club! Please accept my financial gift of \$500 or more to be used to Challenge donors. (Must be paid by May 31, 2017)

The amount of my enclosed Challenge Gift is: \$ _____

Automatic Payment/Deduction Options:

1. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT): Checking Savings You may also set up your own EFT using Faith Direct. <https://www.faithdirect.net/index.cfm> ENROLL Today code is: NE470

* Choose monthly funds transfer date: 4th or 15th Bank Routing Number _____

Name of Financial Institution _____ Account Number _____

Name on Account _____ Your Signature _____

(FOR EFT, PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK)

2. Credit Card Payment If you prefer, you can pay online at www.berganknights.org/advancement/berganfund.html

VISA MC Card Number _____ - _____ - _____ Expiration Date ____/____ 3 digit security code _____

Name as it appears on the charge card _____ Your Signature _____

*If no date is chosen, we will process on the next billing cycle.

Note: Donations are tax deductible. Please check with your accountant.

Do you work for a Matching Gift Employer? Yes No I am not certain, my employer is: _____

What's the difference

between a Capital Campaign and the "Bergan Fund?"

Capital Campaign funds pay for specific projects and initiatives. Capital Campaigns are run for a specific time period (3-5 years) with a specific project or goal that is identified.

The Bergan Fund will be conducted EVERY YEAR with an Annual Report being printed each fall with all donors to the fund listed. Gifts to the Bergan Fund help cover the "gap" between tuition and the actual costs of educating a child at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. In addition, there are families who require aid in order to pay even their minimum tuition. Gifts to the Bergan Fund will allow us to cover our operating costs and still make a Catholic education affordable for all.

A Bergan donor has generously established a **Challenge Match of \$10,000** to the Bergan Fund, but we need your help. **We can only receive those funds if you donate to the Bergan Fund.** Between now and **March 1, 2017**, when you **give a new or increased gift** to the Bergan Fund, the donor will match each \$1 donated with \$.50, up to \$10,000.

2016-2017 Bergan Fund Chairs — Larry & Elaine Moore Family



What a great honor for us to be the Bergan Fund Chairs. In 1986, our family moved to Fremont from Omaha looking for a smaller Catholic school system for our five children. About a week into our move, Gary Schmidt knocked on our door and asked if we were interested in Catholic education; he wanted to give our family a tour of Bergan. Thirty years later, all five of our children: Kim ('90), Kris ('92), Craig ('95), Doug ('98), and Deb ('02), have graduated from Bergan. Kim, Kris, and Doug are currently teaching and coaching now at the school. We are also proud to say that a second generation of grandchildren are now coming through Bergan. Throughout the years, Larry and I have stayed heavily involved in various ways with Bergan. We feel very strongly about giving back to a school that has given our family so much.

We are so grateful to the Bergan family for the spiritual guidance as well as the rigorous education that was given to our children. It is truly our "second home" and we are truly blessed for that. Please consider giving back to your alma mater in order to provide the same experiences to other generations in keeping Bergan alive. The ability to educate the "whole child" is a unique experience that only a Catholic school system can provide. We ask that you join us and give what you can to the 2016-2017 Bergan Fund. God bless you all!



Archbishop Bergan Catholic School is a Ministry of St. Patrick's Catholic Parish. Pastor, Rev. Dave Belt and Associate Pastor, Rev. Eliot Schwer.

YOUR GIFT CHANGES LIVES

Your generosity allowed us to raise \$63,361.12 of our \$80,000 budgeted goal for the 2015-2016 fiscal year! Where does this money go? Simply put, to help make a Catholic education affordable for all!

	K-4th Grade	5th & 6th Grade	7th & 8th Grade	9th-12th Grade	Take Note
Average Cost to Educate ONE Student at Bergan	\$5,751.25	\$6,754.70	\$9,903.63	\$11,364.21	In 2014-15, the average cost to educate a student at Fremont Public Schools was \$11,149.93*. The Nebraska State Average was \$11,619.34* *Figures form the NE Department of Education
Scholarship granted to EVERY Student	\$3,151.25 Parishioner \$2,831.25 Non-Parishioner	\$3,619.70 Parishioner \$3,294.70 Non-Parishioner	\$6,028.63 Parishioner \$5,598.63 Non-Parishioner	\$6,924.21 Parishioner \$6,494.21 Non-Parishioner	This is the "gap" that exists between what it costs to educate each child and what tuition is set at.
Tuition Charged (Cost to Educate minus Scholarship)	\$2,600 Parishioner \$2,920 Non-Parishioner	\$3,135 Parishioner \$3,460 Non-Parishioner	\$3,875 Parishioner \$4,305 Non-Parishioner	\$4,440 Parishioner \$4,870 Non-Parishioner	Although this is our stated tuition, see the Tuition Assistance facts below for additional help we provide our students and their families.
Number of Students in Each Category	172	71	53	109	405 Students (does not include any Pre-K figures)
Total Amount of Scholarships Granted "off the top"	\$526,865	\$253,289	\$313,807	\$743,104	\$1,837,065 in scholarships awarded every year! This amount must be generated through other means (The Bergan Fund, Endowments, Fremont Community Foundation, Children's Scholarships, Fundraisers & Parish Support)

The table above shows how every student who attends our school is awarded a "scholarship". In addition to this, there are many families who just need a little help in meeting the stated tuition. The figures below represent additional assistance that YOU made possible!

* 78 Families received some form of tuition assistance	Total Tuition Assistance Granted \$92,782 Gift from The Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF) of Omaha \$30,700 Archdiocese of Omaha High School Tuition Assistance Program \$12,300 BERGAN FUND \$80,000
* 110 students were assisted (27% of total students) or 1 out of every 4 students!	
* No one attends for free. The family share is based on a target percentage of their adjusted gross income	
* The Average Adjusted Gross Income for those families applying was \$47,863	

ESTIMATED Annual Economic Benefit to the Fremont Area
\$5,884,070

Percent of Non-Parishioners Attending Archbishop Bergan Catholic School
38%

Please prayerfully consider your gift to the Bergan Fund.

Every gift continues the story of the Bergan Family.



Early Childhood Education Center
450 E 4th St, Fremont, NE 68025
P: 402-721-9710 • F: 402-721-5366

Elementary Building
1515 N Johnson Rd, Fremont, NE 68025
P: 402-721-9766 • F: 402-721-1180

Middle/High School Building
545 E 4th St, Fremont, NE 68025
P: 402-721-9683 • F: 402-721-5366

Fr. Dave Belt, President • Dan Koenig, Principal • Chris Rainforth, Asst. Principal/Director of Activities

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December 21, 2016

Dear Faithful Bergan Supporter,

We are officially kicking off the 2016-2017 Bergan Fund! In conjunction with student tuition, endowment earnings, and other fundraisers, we make up 60% of the general budget for Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. The generosity of St. Patrick's Parish and community members help to close the gap in the funding needed to operate. Your support demonstrates to alumni, businesses, foundations, and friends of Bergan, that those closest to Bergan support us financially as well as professionally. Your gift will make an immediate impact on the Catholic education we offer to the students we are called to serve.

We are very proud of our full K-12 academic accreditation through AdvancED and the Nebraska Department of Education. Help us to continue to provide our students with the quality education they deserve. Your annual gift to the Bergan Fund assists with making all vital educational processes and materials available to our students. Our goal is to ensure that all students receive a superb college preparatory Catholic education at a cost that is affordable for our families. We invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift which will assist us in achieving this year's goal of \$80,000.

Thank you for your prayerful generous support. May God bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

Rev. David D. Belt, President

Mr. Dan Koenig, Principal



545 E. 4th Street
Fremont, NE 68025
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Every gift continues the story of the Bergan Family.

First Name Last Name
Business
Address
City, state ZipCode



YES! I will help the Bergan story continue!

- Please check the amount of your gift!
- Platinum - \$5,000
 - Gold - \$1,000
 - Silver - \$500
 - White - \$250
 - Other - \$_____

Please make your check payable to:
Archbishop Bergan Catholic School
545 East 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025

(See reverse side for Credit Card or Automatic Payment Options)