



*"Therefore go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" Mathew 28:19*

# Fill the Gap!

## Why the Hapke Family jumped in to help!

Archbishop Bergan Catholic School relies on generous support from alumni, parents and friends to help make up the difference between tuition revenues and the full cost to educate our students. Read Melissa and Brian's reason why they choose Bergan and continue to help Fill the gap!

Brian and I chose Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in 2008 when our oldest daughter would be entering 3rd grade. It was the second year for the elementary after reopening. Although neither of us attended Bergan, we had many reasons. I attended a small town, K-12 catholic school, and Brian attended a small school as well. We were familiar with the many opportunities a small school has to offer. The number of opportunities to thrive in what a student does best is endless. Be it music, art, academics, cheer, acting, athletics, speech, dance, peer ministry, being a student manager, the list goes on, students really can do it all. Teachers and staff challenge the students to push themselves to be the best version of them they can be. Walking the halls of Archbishop Bergan, there is evidence of a school built on rich traditions, all centered around the ability to honor our Lord, Jesus Christ, on a daily basis.

In looking for ways to help our school remain open and offer these same opportunities for years to come, we have decided to help fill "the gap" and ask each of you to consider doing the same.

What does filling "the gap" mean? We often hear about "the gap" when comparing what families pay for tuition and the actual cost to educate our children at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School. The average cost to educate an Archbishop Bergan student in grades K-12 is \$7,325. When you compare that amount to what you pay for tuition, it puts added strain on the system as expenses continue to rise and income sources shrink. With this on-going financial strain we are having as a school and parish, would you consider helping fill "the gap"? If you do not have children attending Archbishop Bergan Catholic School, would you consider filling "the gap" for a current student(s)? If you are alumni, would you consider filling "the gap" from one of the years you attended?

We are jumping in to fill the gap. Will you?

Please consider accepting our challenge.  
Melissa and Brian Hapke  
Parents of Bryanna (2018) and Carlee (2023)

We \_\_\_\_\_ are accepting the challenge and will fill "THE GAP" for a current Bergan student's tuition for the 2020-2021 school year.

Please accept our donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$2,850 is the average gap amount)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_