

Dear Families and Friends of St. Patrick School,

With Thanksgiving season on the horizon, we are reminded of the many blessings God has given us. It is in this spirit of gratitude that we kick off our annual giving campaign by asking all our families to help **“Keep Us Connected.”**

Your donation will help our students by fostering the responsible use of technology in the classroom. Through the purchase of:

- 60 new Chrome Books with 2 traveling charging carts
- Overhead projectors with sound systems in every classroom
- New firewall system to keep our kids safe online

...we hope to keep our students connected to each other, their teachers, and the global community at large. The top five benefits of increased use of technology in the classroom include:

1. Creating a more engaging learning environment
2. Improved collaboration
3. Incorporating different learning styles
4. Preparing students for the future
5. Connecting teachers to students

In the past, our annual campaign has resulted in the installation of air conditioning units in all our classrooms, numerous safety upgrades, and helped offset the loss of fundraising due to the COVID-19 health crisis. When our community gives to SPS, our students win.

What is the Fr. Michael McFadden Fund? It is an annual campaign, named in honor of one of our greatest supporters and former pastors. The fund is fueled by a volunteer-driven annual giving to support growth at St. Patrick School, not covered by tuition. We are asking for support from our entire community including parents, grandparents, donors, alumni, neighboring businesses, staff and administration. A donation of any size is welcomed and will be put to meaningful use. **This year's goal is \$25,000.** Whether you can give \$5, \$25, \$100 or more, all gifts are welcome. Please know that your donation helps us fulfill our mission of educating the whole child in Mind, Body, and Spirit.

There is no better return on your investment than a child's Catholic education.

Your support will truly make a significant impact, and we hope you will choose to be our partner in this year's campaign. Make your donation by clicking on this link: <https://www.stpatrickssd.com/mcfaddenfund/> or stop by the school office. Checks can be made out to St. Patrick School. Please consider donating. St. Patrick School is a 501(c)3 non-profit school, Tax ID# 27-3947284.

Thank you for helping SPS “Keep Us Connected.”

Sincerely,
Hernan Valdivia