

Share the Spirit Annual Fund

Frequently Asked Questions



Why is the Annual Fund so important?

The Annual Fund benefits every facet of the school's operation. Annual gifts from parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends provide the most flexible use of funds to support the full range of academic, arts, and athletic programs offered by our school. Annual giving helps fund essentials within the operating budget, including faculty and staff salaries, professional development, curriculum implementation, tuition assistance, technology enhancements, field trips, student activities, and facilities and maintenance support. These unrestricted gifts are applied wherever the need is greatest, and they are essential to the school's excellence and financial health.

Doesn't tuition cover these expenses?

Tuition and fees cover about 84 percent of the school's operating budget. The Prince of Peace parish helps to make up the difference with a \$250,000 annual investment in the school. Our school relies on annual unrestricted giving to bridge the remaining gap between the cost charged for tuition and the actual cost of educating each student.

This year, the gap is \$1,615 per student.

How much should I give?

As you prayerfully reflect on your level of commitment, please remember that it takes the entire community to reach our goal. We ask that each family make up the gap for their student(s). For those that can give more than the gap - Thank You! If you are not able to give at the gap level or higher, we completely understand and want you to give at a level that is feasible for your family.

Why is my participation important?

Your participation is fundamental to assuring a solid financial future for Prince of Peace Catholic School. A high percentage of giving by those closest to the school demonstrates a strong commitment to Prince of Peace. Strong participation for the Fund often positively influences contributions from foundations and corporations.

Our goal is 100% participation.

If I can only make a small gift, will it really make an impact?

Absolutely! **Every gift matters.** Your investment allows us to form students who are faithful, prepared, and confident that they can do great things through Christ who strengthens them.

What period of time does the Annual Fund cover?

The Annual Fund drive begins with our "September Month of Giving" campaign. We kindly ask that you return your commitment card by October 1 and fulfill your commitment by January 31 of the current school year. The funds are applied to the current year's operating budget, which runs from July 1 through June 30.

How do I "share the spirit" and honor my commitment?

There are several ways to contribute. Your commitment can be mailed or dropped off at the school in the form of a check. Commitments and/or payments can be made online via the Prince of Peace Catholic School website.

Additionally, we are excited to once again participate in the Communities Foundation of Texas's North Texas Giving Day on Thursday, September 21.

My employer has a gift-matching program. How can I learn more?

Additional support to the Annual Fund is provided every year through the generosity of corporate matching gift programs that make it possible for employees to increase the value of their gifts. The company match will be credited to you, and you will receive donor recognition for the total amount. Typically, individuals must submit forms to their employers and can find information about their matching gift benefits from their human resources department.