



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Providence Fund?

The Providence Fund is Guerin Catholic's program for unrestricted annual giving. While we recognize that all of our families are making a sacrifice to send their children to Guerin Catholic, the cost of tuition does not cover the full cost to educate each student. Tuition revenue accounts for approximately 75% of our annual expenses. The Providence Fund makes up the other 25% to bridge that gap. Simply put, each year Guerin Catholic relies on gifts to the Providence Fund to strengthen the programs that enable us to enhance the daily lives of our students and prepare them as servant leaders. It is through your generosity each year that we are able to advance our mission to Lead with Humility, Serve with Love and Trust in Providence.

Why not raise tuition to cover those expenses?

With great attention and care, the Guerin Catholic School Governing Board and administration set a tuition rate that is considerably less per student than the actual expense. As a Diocesan school, we take very seriously our mission in making Catholic education as affordable as possible.

Who supports (or gives) to the Providence Fund?

Current families, alumni, past parents, faculty/staff, grandparents, School Governing Board, businesses and friends of Guerin Catholic generously support the Providence Fund throughout the year. Our goal is to get 100% participation on some level from current families, faculty/staff and the School Governing Board. Every gift matters.

What is the goal for the Providence Fund in 2017-2018?

The Providence Fund goal for 2017-2018 is approximately \$275,000. The budgeted number for the Fund number is impacted directly by enrollment. Exceeding that goal would allow for greater resources to improve curriculum and the overall learning environment.

When is the fiscal year?

July 1 through June 30.

How can I make a gift to the Providence Fund?

The school accepts gifts of cash, securities, and most major credit cards. This can be done in one of three ways:

Make Your Gift Online: One Time or Recurring

Mail your gift to: Guerin Catholic High School
Attn: Kelly Ann Janssen
15300 Gray Road
Noblesville, IN 46062

Schedule an appointment: Contact Kelly Ann Janssen, *Director of The Providence Fund*
(317) 582-0120 ext. 319

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Can I make a pledge now and pay later?

Yes! Choose a payment schedule that works best for you: monthly, quarterly, or annually. The Providence Fund office will send a periodic reminder until your balance is paid. We ask that your pledge be paid in full by June 30 of the fiscal year.

Is my gift tax-deductible?

Contributions are fully tax-deductible in accordance with IRS regulations. All donors receive a receipt for their records.

Will my company match my gift I am giving to Guerin Catholic?

Many companies offer a matching gift program for their employees and will match gifts made to Guerin Catholic. Please contact your human resources department for proper documentation as an easy way to double your gift.

May I make a gift using a credit card?

Yes, you can make a credit card gift using VISA, MasterCard or Discover card by using our secure online web form.

May I donate something other than cash?

Absolutely. We accept gifts of stock, which should be electronically transferred to maintain its tax-deductible status. Call the Advancing the Mission Office at 317-582-0120 ext. 258 to notify us of your intentions.

Why ask parents for contributions in addition to the tuition and fees they already pay?

Tuition and fees do not cover the total cost of a private Catholic school education. Our fundraising efforts help bridge the gap between the income generated by tuition and fees, and the actual cost of educating each student at Guerin Catholic. The money generated by this fundraising helps ensure that Guerin Catholic remains a truly exceptional school for every student.

How much should I consider giving?

Every circumstance is different for each person and we ask that each family pray for guidance and discernment in their choice to give, as it is one of great consideration. In the past, donations have ranged from \$10 to more than \$75,000. Gifts of all sizes are needed and welcome. Every dollar makes a difference, and the daily lives of our students and those they impact are touched by each gift. All charitable giving, according to our stewardship way of life, should be sacrificial, generous and proportional to the gifts that God has given, and should never replace a gift to your home parish.