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We are honored to present this report that recognizes the dedication and commitment of Guerin Catholic volunteers and donors—alumni, parents, alumni parents, faculty, staff and friends. The entire Guerin Catholic community appreciates their extraordinary support to our school during the 2019-20 school year. Gifts stated in this report reflect annual fundraising efforts from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Even through a pandemic, the Guerin Catholic community has stood strong in their faith. Their unwavering commitment reflects their love of Guerin Catholic. As our patroness St. Theodore Guerin once said,

“How we shall admire God’s care of us!”, we admire how God continues to bless our school through her intercession and the inspirational support from our community.

As we begin a new school year, we reflect on the past year, celebrate our community and honor those who have helped make Guerin Catholic **accessible, affordable** and **available** to all.

We also ask for God’s blessings for health and safety for our entire Guerin Catholic community.

St. Theodore Guerin—Pray for us!

With Gratitude,

Lori Norris
Vice President of Institutional Advancement



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- Lori Norris,
Vice President of Institutional Advancement
- Dr. John Atha, *President*



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The Fund-A-Need at the Guerin Catholic Gala in February 2020 raised over \$35,000 for 175 new choir robes.

The Providence Fund allows us to meet our mission and make Guerin Catholic **accessible, affordable** and **available** to all by supporting three main areas: **Tuition Assistance, Faculty/Staff Support** and **Student Life Experiences**. Funds raised at the following special events benefit the Providence Fund throughout the year: Providence Fund Dinner, Grandparents Day, Guerin Catholic Gala (including Fund-a-Need), and Day of Giving (GC Cares).

SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATION (SGO)

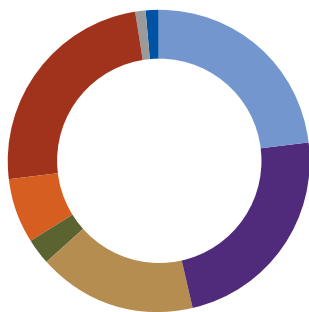
Gifts to the SGO (designated to Guerin Catholic) provide needs-based scholarships to eligible incoming and current GC students. Guerin Catholic has partnered with the Institute for Quality Education (IQE) as our official Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). An SGO is a state-designated 501(c)(3) that provides financial needs-based scholarships to students enrolled in non-public schools. This program is not only available to individuals, but to companies as well.



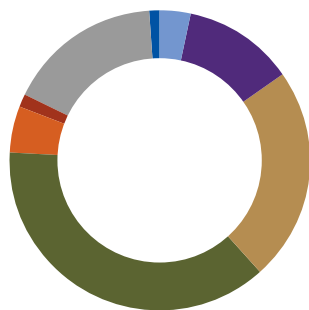
Stories of courage, support and gratitude are all around us during these unprecedented times. We have answered the call as a nation to care for each other. And we, as a Guerin Catholic community, have answered that call to care for our families in need with the help of God's intercession and support of GC Cares.

GC Cares was established in the spring of 2020 as an arm of the Providence Fund to provide emergency tuition assistance to Guerin Catholic families financially affected by the pandemic. Thanks to the generous support of 105 donors, 31 Guerin Catholic families were provided financial support to meet the financial obligations of a Guerin Catholic education. The total amount of tuition assistance given was \$83,393.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020



■ Scholarship Granting Organization	\$278,936
■ Providence Fund Total	\$600,404
■ Providence Fund	\$278,046
■ Gala	\$203,630
■ Fund-A-Need	\$35,335
■ GC Cares	\$83,393
■ Restricted Giving/Scholarships	\$290,844
■ Fine Arts Alliance	\$14,346
■ Golden Eagle Club	\$14,896
TOTAL	\$1,199,426



ALL FUNDS BY CONSTITUENCY (%)

■ Alumni	3.5%
■ School Governing Board	12.0%
■ Alumni Parents	23.0%
■ Current Parents	37.0%
■ Grandparents	5.0%
■ Faculty & Staff	1.5%
■ Friends	17.0%
■ Matching Gifts	1.0%
TOTAL	100%



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Total Giving at
Guerin Catholic
in 2019-20

796

Individuals and
organizations
supported
all the Funds
in 2019-20

53

SGO STUDENT AWARDS

\$972

Average
Alumni gift

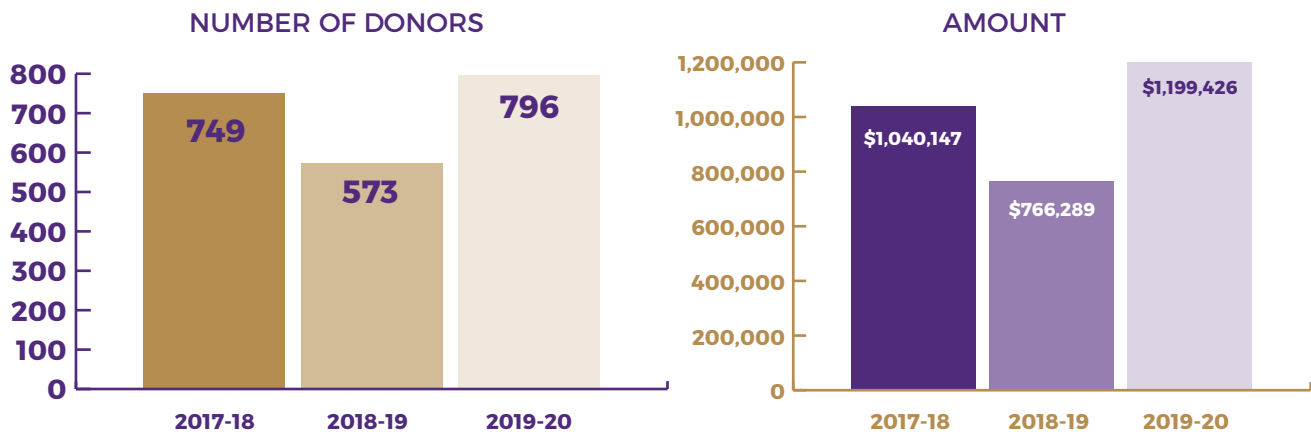
\$250,000

Largest restricted gift

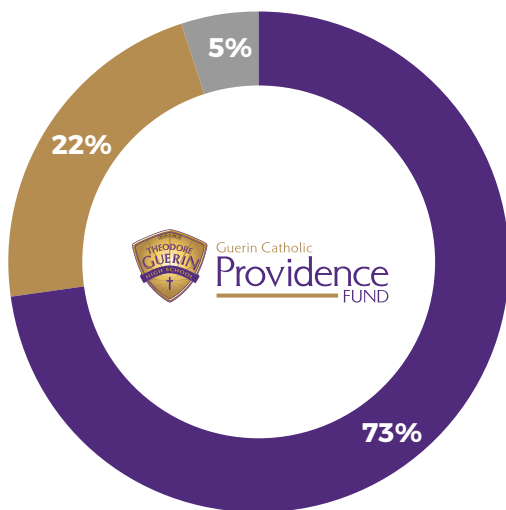
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Parent Donors

THREE-YEAR PROVIDENCE FUND COMPARISON



2019-20 PROVIDENCE FUND ALLOCATION



- Tuition Assistance 73%**
 Whether it's need-based financial aid, academic scholarships or staff discounts, we must strive to meet families where they are and help them attain a Guerin Catholic education for their children.
- Faculty/Staff Support 22%**
 In order to attract and retain the best faculty and staff, we must offer competitive salaries and professional growth and development opportunities each and every year.
- Student Life Experiences 5%**
 A Guerin Catholic education IS different—we must continue to enhance all of our academic and extracurricular programs in order to offer life-changing retreats, service and pilgrimage experiences, state-of-the-art learning tools and more. In 2020, the Guerin Catholic Gala's Fund-A-Need raised funds to buy new choir robes for our students.

For more information about The Providence Fund, SGO, GC Cares, or supporting Guerin Catholic, please contact Lori Norris, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, at (317) 582-0120, ext. 216, or lnorris@guerincatholic.org.



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DID YOU KNOW? The Providence Fund is the primary resource for funding all of our student retreats? Each year, GC students are able to attend life-changing retreats and it simply wouldn't be possible without The Providence Fund.

Open Hearts



By **Dominic Stein '21**

*“Make Him your friend, talk to Him like your friend,
and let Him be your friend.”*

– SENIOR RETREAT LEADER

Guerin Catholic gives its students a wonderful opportunity to grow closer to God every year through retreats. These retreats have truly transformed my prayer life and relationship with God. All of the retreats at GC are with your classmates from your grade—so we're all traveling common paths and have similar struggles. In addition to making new friends I have also had life-changing experiences through GC retreats!

Some of the best advice I have ever received was from a speech by a senior on one of our retreats. He was giving us advice and said that the best thing you could do is establish a firm friendship with God. He said, “Make Him your friend, talk to Him like your friend, and let Him be your friend.” So I did. And this was the best thing that I have ever done. This changed my outlook on everything. My prayer life took off and I created a forever friendship with God. I started to realize that I actually wanted to go to the chapel and visit Him to talk and pray. I started learning more about my faith, and I began to read the Bible more. I even started going to daily Mass and confession often. Just simply making visits to the chapel increases faith. For me sometimes I didn't even say anything or pray, I just sat there, in the presence of the Lord.

The Lord works in mysterious ways and He spoke loud volumes to me through that senior who cared and was brave enough to open up at our retreat. It was also through Guerin Catholic that I had a life-changing experience at a Eucharistic procession during a retreat. During the procession, the priest wears his humeral veil when he processes with Jesus. He then comes around to each person, stands in front of them, and He is right there. I reached out and touched the cloak of Jesus. I buried my face into Him. This was the most powerful and overwhelming encounter I have had with God. It changed my life.

I am reminded of this experience every Sunday, when we can hold Jesus in our hands and receive Him. A verse from Proverbs 16:3 has guided me that says, “commit your deeds to the Lord, and your plans shall succeed.” I have learned to trust in the Lord and since then, our relationship has only strengthened. I have learned so much at my retreats at Guerin Catholic and I am truly blessed and grateful to have experienced them.



Dominic and his small group at Junior Retreat.

Open Minds



By Mrs. Shelley Horn

English Faculty

“We cannot do our work if we all stay in the nest.”

- SAINT THEODORE GUERIN

Would many adults immerse themselves into a group of seventy-five (give or take) juniors and seniors for three consecutive days outside of the comfort of a classroom and their own family?? I will testify it is an **AMAZING** experience and one of my favorite places in the Guerin Catholic community! I always share with my junior students prior to their retreat departure, “I cannot assure you that this retreat will change your life, but I will tell you that it **WILL CHANGE** your life.” That change, of course, is inherent in allowing the Holy Spirit to guide each participant through those four days. As followers of Christ, each day we are tasked with setting aside our own agendas and following Him. Often the students are anxious about leaving the comfort of their own beds, routine, and homework behind. As an adult mentor, I too, sometimes struggle with this truth of our Christian faith. Making sure my own family’s needs are secure while I am away, making sure my students in the classroom are on track while their peers are on retreat, and allowing me to “die to self” to serve the retreatants are the three biggest challenges I face, yet as I release my worries to Him, God provides!

Serving as a mentor for the past several years, one of the greatest blessings I have received is witnessing the transformation among juniors at their retreat! Watching these young men and women abandon their comfort zone for four days, share in small groups, reconnect with friends, and make new friends is an absolute joy! I have witnessed Christ’s presence during retreat on many occasions: the quiet student eating alone suddenly joined by two others with laughter soon erupting from their table; the student whose inconsistent Mass attendance instantly rejuvenated by his peers’ invite to attend Mass together as a small group; the entire small group supporting one of their own through a challenging life situation encouraged with smiles, assurance and hugs (PRE-COVID-19!); a newly formed friend group walking the grounds of the St. Joseph Retreat Center together. These are just a few of the **HUNDREDS** of “Jesus” moments I have witnessed in the years I have served on junior retreat.



Mrs. Shelley Horn’s small group at Fall Junior Retreat.

On various occasions, I have shared my own faith journey with retreatants. Allowing those young people to see that I too struggle and succeed in my walk with Christ is another blessing of retreat. As a Catholic role model for these young men and women, it is imperative to share my own faith journey so that they can see Christ working in someone else’s life as well as their own. We sometimes forget the simplicity of keeping our hearts open so that we can see and hear Jesus. However, the retreat experience is that living reminder to our juniors at Guerin Catholic: allow one’s heart to be open so that Christ and the Holy Spirit may enter.

As an adult, these young men and women remind me of the beauty of quiet meditation, forgiveness, laughter, and friendship. Removed from the routine of a regular school day, the retreat atmosphere delivers exactly what the soul needs: retreat, reflection, re-direction. This ministry is very near and dear to my heart as the students experience our love for them in our service. Other than my classroom at Guerin Catholic, there is no other place I would rather be with our young men and women in Christ! As St. Theodore Guerin reminds us, “We cannot do our work if we stay in the nest.” This reminder is integral in my own faith journey as I continue to minister and serve our students: I absolutely love the opportunity to see and share the beautiful journey Christ is preparing for them!