



Annual Report 2021-2022

¡Dos idiomas, muchas culturas, infinitas posibilidades! Two languages, many cultures, infinite possibilities!

# School Leadership

There is never a dull year at Risen Christ, and the 2021-22 school year was no exception. Looking back, it presented many challenges and blessings! In the Fall, supply chain and staffing shortages complicated the kick off to the school year. Then, after Christmas break, the omicron surge had a significant impact on our school operations. During the month of January, we had just one school day without needing a substitute teacher.

We also began the 2022 calendar year with a significant change to our school Leadership Team due to the departure of our principal. In response, six talented teachers stepped forward as part of a new Teacher Leadership Team which helped guide the school through the remainder of the year. In consideration of the year's challenges, the Minnesota Nonpublic Schools Accrediting Association (MNSAA) granted our request to extend our re-accreditation process. This allows our self-study and strategic planning process to take place in 2023, culminating with a Spring 2024 site visit.

In the Spring, we placed renewed emphasis on employee recruitment and retention, implementing several strategic initiatives which are bearing fruit in 2022-23. These initiatives include increasing base pay for our teachers; providing more feedback, professional development and education opportunities; and continuing to regularly convene the Teacher Leadership Team.

Our Gala in May was a welcome opportunity to gather in person for the first time in three years. As a result, it was the most well-attended and highest-grossing Gala in our history, showing that the desire to support Catholic education in south Minneapolis remains strong. The Gala was particularly special as we were able to announce that the final payments on the school's debt had been completed. **Risen Christ is now debt free!** 

We are proud Risen Christ remained in person the entire school year while Minneapolis Public School students endured a distance learning period in January and a threeweek teacher strike in March.

We draw strength from our faith, this year's achievements and the support of friends like you. We are deeply grateful for walking with us through the 2021-22 school year. Thank you for your steadfast support!

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### INTRODUCING RISEN CHRIST'S NEW ACADEMIC LEADERS

In May 2022, we were thrilled to announce Ellen Rian (left) and Carmen Grace Poppert (right) as Risen Christ's new academic leaders and members of our leadership team.

Ellen Rian, who joined Risen Christ as Assistant Principal in 2021, was chosen to become our Director of Operations & Middle School. She is the primary point of contact for Middle School teachers, students and parents as well as all school specialists. As a licensed Principal with



plenty of school leadership experience and the educational background to match, Ellen is ideal for this role.

Working alongside Ellen is **Carmen Grace Poppert** as **Director of Academics & Elementary School**. Carmen Grace has been teaching first grade Spanish at Risen Christ for five years and recently earned her Catholic School Leadership Certificate from the St. Paul Seminary, a certificate in Dual Language Immersion Education and a Master's degree in Language Immersion Education. As a longtime Risen Christ teacher, she knows our community well and has done a fantastic job managing our academic program. Additionally, she will be the primary point of contact for our K-5 teachers, students and parents.

Both Ellen and Carmen Grace are uniquely fitted and well-prepared for their respective roles. Both are well-known to our school community. Please join us in welcoming Ellen and Carmen Grace as Risen Christ's newest leaders!

### **Our Mission**

Risen Christ Catholic School is a K-8, bilingual, multicultural and financially accessible school of excellence, educating children in mind, body and spirit to live and lead in the example of Jesus Christ.

### **Our History**

Established in 1993, Risen Christ Catholic School is grounded in the histories and traditions of our five founding parishes: Holy Name, Holy Rosary, Incarnation, St. Albert the Great and St. Stephen's.

# 2021-22 School Profile

#### Enrollment

348 students, K-8

#### Population

African/African Am:	3%
Asian/SE Asian:	2%
Caucasian:	2%
Latino:	93%
Native American:	<1%
Student Retention:	94%
Free/Reduced Lunch:	87%
English Language Learners:	74%

Statistics based on October 1, 2021 enrollment data.

#### **Religion\***

Catholic:	87%
Other Christian:	5%
Non-Christian:	1%

\* Family-reported information that is requested, but not required during registration. Figures based on responses received.

Per pupil cost to educate:	\$8,823
2020-2021 full price tuition:	\$3,550
Average family contribution per child:	\$760
Students receiving tuition assistance:	96%

# **Student Outcomes & Achievements**



Since 2016, 15 Risen Christ graduates have earned Presidential Scholarships at DeLaSalle High School.



Since 2015, the Flaherty Family Foundation has granted 29 high-potential Risen Christ graduates with four-year scholarships to local Catholic high schools.



GHR Foundation supports Risen Christ with funding for student scholarships, assessments, professional development, the City Connects program and more.



Two-thirds of Risen Christ's graduates have been accepted into private high schools since 2016.

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Risen Christ is the only Catholic dual immersion school in Minnesota. English Language Learners at Risen Christ significantly outperform their peers in Minneapolis public schools and across the state of Minnesota.



Risen Christ is a founding member of the Two-Way Immersion Network for Catholic Schools, a national network of 24 schools grounded in research and leadership by the Roche Center for Catholic Education at Boston College.



The Countdown to College initiative at Saint Mary's University has accepted 18 Risen Christ students since 2016, supporting them through high school as they prepare to become first generation college students.

### **CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2022!**

On June 7, our school community gathered for the graduation of 36 Risen Christ students at Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario. As is our tradition, we rotate the location of this most special event each year, hosting it at one of our five founding parishes.

Below are several students we are proud to highlight for their exceptional achievements.

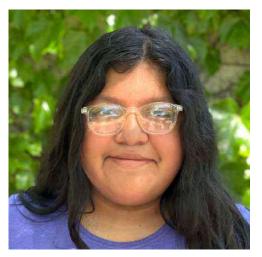
Please continue praying for our Class of 2022 and all of our graduates as they pursue life beyond Risen Christ!





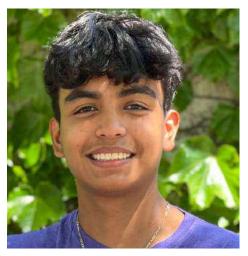
#### Graduate Snapshot: Ashley

- A student at Risen Christ since kindergarten
- Flaherty Foundation Scholar
- Attending Academy of Holy Angels



#### Graduate Snapshot: Jocelyn

- A student at Risen Christ since 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Flaherty Foundation Scholar
- Accepted into the Countdown to College Program through Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
- Attending Academy of Holy Angels



### Graduate Snapshot: Miguel

- A student at Risen Christ since 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- 2022 Nicolette Finley Spirit of Risen Christ Award winner
- Attending Cristo Rey Jesuit High School



# Campaign Donors Fall 2017 through June 30, 2022

In 2017, we kicked off our *Fulfilling the Promise* capital campaign, an ambitious and critical effort to eliminate Risen Christ's long-standing debt. The challenge was daunting. At its peak, the debt exceeded a staggering \$4.5 million, threatening the survival of our school. GHR Foundation, recognizing Risen Christ's importance in the community, was one of several key partners to step forward to support the campaign. Through this extraordinary effort, our debt balance reached \$0 by late April 2022, meaning Risen Christ is free of debt for the first time in its history! We would like to express overwhelming gratitude to the 225 remarkable donors like you who helped make our dream to eliminate debt become a reality.

#### May God bless you all!

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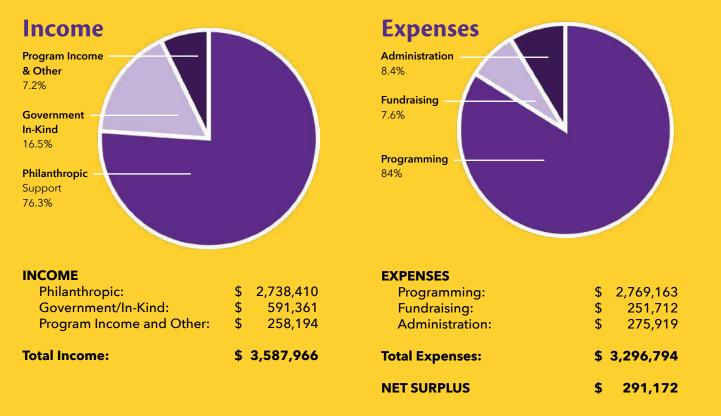
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### **ALUMNI SNAPSHOTS**



### **Cesar Morales '10**

The Morales family opened La Poblanita 23 years ago on Lake Street and have been members of the Risen Christ community ever since. After graduating from Risen Christ in 2010 and Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in 2014, Cesar (pictured far left) is now co-owner of the family business. Cesar is earning a degree in Operations Management at Metro State University so he can help grow the tortilla manufacturing side of La Poblanita, a staple of the family business. Cesar also volunteers his time at Risen Christ by serving as a member of the Advancement Committee of the Board.

### Andrea Jara-Mora '19

During the 2021-22 school year, Andrea served as one of our Student Workers from Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, where she is currently a senior preparing to graduate this spring! As a Cristo Rey Student Worker, Andrea assisted teachers with classroom projects, helped set up for school events and worked closely with a variety of students. Andrea's three older brothers also graduated from Risen Christ, and her younger sister is currently in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Andrea is interested in pursuing a career in Nursing, especially one which includes travel.





### Saul Hernandez '09

Saul is one of many Risen Christ graduates who have benefited from Saint Mary's University's efforts to bolster post-secondary access for high-achieving first generation college students. While working at BMO Harris Bank as a high school student at Cristo Rey, Saul developed a passion for business, inspiring him to earn a degree in finance from Saint Mary's University. Today, you can find Saul managing the Lake Street branch of BMO Harris, where he combines his financial knowledge with relationships he's built in the same south Minneapolis neighborhood where he grew up.

# Volunteers

### 2021-2022

We offer our heartfelt gratitude to the amazing individuals, community organizations, schools and parishes who helped us endure the challenges presented over the 2021-2022 school year by sharing their time and talent. Thank you!



Longtime volunteers MaryAnn Peterson and Jerry Finnerty assist with Risen Christ's annual winter coat distribution in October. For the past several years, Macy's has donated hundreds of new winter coats for students in grades 3, 5 and 7. Volunteers are tremendously helpful in assisting with planning and carrying out distribution-related logistics.



Parishioners from St. Odilia Catholic Church pose with Risen Christ students as they deliver an impressive load of school supplies in support of students to kick off the school year.

#### VOLUNTEERS

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#### **KEY:**

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- " 3 or more years of service
- § 10 or more years of service

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### SAINT JOSEPH AWARD FOR BOYS

In March, the month dedicated to Saint Joseph, one boy was chosen from each grade to receive Risen Christ's Saint Joseph Award. The award recognizes students who model the virtues of Saint Joseph (faith, hope, charity, prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance).

Pictured right, Saint Joseph Awardwinners from each grade pose with school president Michael Rogers after a school Mass in March 2022.



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### SAINT MARY AWARD FOR GIRLS

In May, the month dedicated to Saint Mary, one girl was chosen from each grade to receive Risen Christ's Saint Mary Award. The award recognizes students who model the virtues of Saint Mary (humility, charity, prudence, prayer, industriousness and gratitude).

Pictured left, Saint Mary Awardwinners from each grade pose with school leaders Regina Mancilla (far left) and Ellen Rian (far right) after a school Mass in May 2022.

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### **2021 CIRCLE OF LIGHT AWARD: PAT & GARY SAUER**

In November 2021, during a small ceremony in our school library, Pat and Gary Sauer were awarded Risen Christ's annual Circle of Light Award. They were joined by members of their family, foundation staff, school leadership and several of Risen Christ's wonderful middle school student ambassadors.

Our Circle of Light Award is given annually to individuals or organizations whose dedication, long-time support, visionary leadership and generosity have made Risen Christ the hallmark of hope and opportunity for the children we serve today.

Since Risen Christ's formation in the 1990s, Pat, Gary and their family have been extraordinary supporters of the children we serve. Their steadfast support of Risen Christ has helped sustain our operations, provide emergency aid to students and families in need and eliminate our longstanding debt. As an experienced businessman, Gary enriched the lives of our middle school students by serving as a mentor for two years. We are deeply grateful for the time, talent and treasure that Pat and Gary generously share with our entire school community.



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"Risen Christ Ascends to New Life"

In May, the Catholic Spirit published a special profile about Risen Christ Catholic School that you do not want to miss.

The article highlights many wonderful aspects about our school community, including our unique dual immersion program, testimonials from Risen Christ parents, alumni and teachers, and the recent news we shared at the Gala about becoming completely debt-free.

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The film at our 2022 Gala featured a story about Joshua, a Risen Christ student with a generous heart. Through telling his story, we also learn about the power of giving and how Risen Christ's unique dual immersion (Spanish/English) educational model has been an important draw for families like his, in which both languages are spoken at home and celebrated through culture, faith and more.



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