# How You Can Help

### Share your time and talent

Notre Dame ACE Academies rely on volunteers to share their expertise in a variety of roles to support our school staffs. Our Allies for NDAA group provides resources and educational support, enhances the spirit of each school community, and celebrates the dedicated professionals who serve our youth. For more information about getting involved, please visit www.archindy.org/ndaa.

### Make an investment in the future

We welcome partners to support the Church's mission to provide a Catholic education for all who seek one. Individuals and businesses can impact the future with gifts to support tuition assistance, extracurricular programming and capital improvement projects. You can support our schools in a variety of ways, including the Indiana Tax Credit Scholarship program, gifts of stock, planned estate gifts, endowment fund donations, and charitable IRA rollovers.

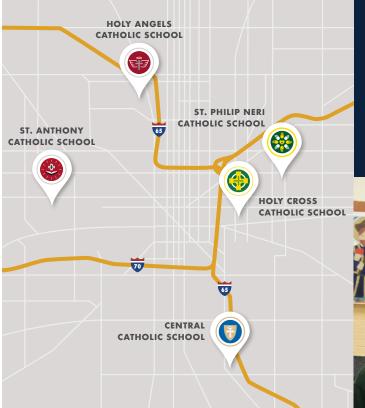
For more information about giving opportunities, please contact the Archdiocese of Indianapolis at 317-236-1568 or visit www.archindy.org/ndaa.

# Notre Dame ACE Academies are grateful for our partnerships, including:

St. Vincent Marian University

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## Who We Are

Notre Dame ACE Academies in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Notre Dame ACE Academies are unique Catholic schools formed in partnership with (arch)dioceses and the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE). The schools emphasize continuous improvement in Catholic identity, advancement, and teaching and learning. The work is rooted in our belief that vibrant Catholic schools provide children with the path to **college** and **heaven**.

Our network includes 15 Notre Dame ACE Academies across the country, including five in Indianapolis. We offer our students an extraordinary education rooted in the Gospel. This education prepares them with the knowledge and skills necessary to serve their community and the world with love, integrity, and zeal.

#### **OUR MISSION**

The Notre Dame ACE Academies provide a Catholic education of the highest quality to as many children as possible in under-served communities.

### **OUR CORE VALUES**

Seek • Persist • Excel • Love • Serve

**OUR GOALS** 

College • Heaven

#### **OUR SCHOOLS**







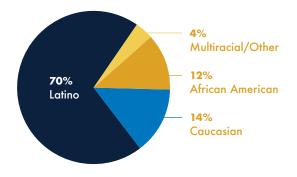






### The Children We Serve

- Over 1,100 students attend our five schools
- 90 percent of our students across all five schools receive free or reduced-priced lunches



# The Need Is Great

We rely heavily upon supporters to ensure that our students receive a well-rounded educational experience at a cost that families can afford.



This gap is covered in part by Archdiocese and parish support, Indiana Choice scholarships, and generous corporate and individual donors.

"This school really values education and pushes for each child to succeed and do great works in the classroom and the community. Holy Angels is also very affordable and they work with you if you encounter financial difficulties along the way. All in all, this is a great school and I recommend it to every parent looking for a great private school education. I am so happy that my children are in an environment that wants them to become successful members of the community."

Ashley, parent of a fourth-grader and kindergartener at Holy Angels Catholic School



# The Impact of Your Investment

Compared head-to-head, Catholic schools achieve superior results. In academics, faith formation, high school graduation and college attendance rates, civic engagement and community cohesion, Catholic schools and their graduates outperform public school counterparts.

#### **ACADEMICS**

### In Catholic schools, the achievement gap is smaller

Latinos who attended a Catholic elementary school are twice as likely to have a college degree and a household income of \$75,000 or more.

Social class effects are lessened in Catholic schools, academic achievement is higher, and Latino and African American students are more likely to graduate from high school and college.

#### **COMMUNITY AND FAMILY**

### Catholic schools support strong communities and families

In communities where Catholic schools have remained open, neighborhoods have demonstrated more cohesion than communities that have lost a Catholic school.

#### **FAITH AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION**

Catholic school graduates participate more in the Catholic and public spheres

Catholic school graduates are more likely to retain a Catholic identity, vote, volunteer, and earn higher wages.