

The Little Shepherds of Fatima Fund

Our Lady of Fatima Parish | Lakewood, Colorado



A Catholic value centered education, strong in its commitment to moral teachings and geared in every way to educate our children to live their lives as part of a community of faith and love, is essential in our complex world today.

*Bishop R. Walker Nickless,
Bishop of Sioux City, Iowa
Former Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church*

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School

Catholic value centered education has always been an integral part of the mission of Our Lady of Fatima (OLF) Parish. For over forty years, children from our community have benefited from the quality academic and spiritual foundation provided by Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School (OLFCS).



Sister Marilyn Krier

OLFCS first opened its doors in 1964. The parish school was started under the auspices of the Benedictan Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery of Colorado Springs with Sister Marilyn Krier as principal. In the Spring of 2004, the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA) accredited OLFCS. Accreditation is an annual process showing OLFCS has met the standards of quality established by the NCA.

OLF Catholic School Mission

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School is a community that educates children to become followers of Jesus Christ, outstanding leaders and stewards of our Christian faith.

First and foremost, we are a Catholic school – our children learn Catholic values and live them daily.

Father Jeff Wilborn, Administrator



Every child deserves the opportunity to be successful in a Catholic school environment. Through the Little Shepherds of Fatima Fund we are able to make that success a reality.



Lisa Taylor, Principal
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School

The Little Shepherds of Fatima Fund Mission

The Little Shepherds of Fatima Fund (LSFF) provides a perpetual, dedicated instrument by which the school's mission can be financially supported – ensuring that children will always have access to a quality Catholic education at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Specifically, the mission of the LSFF is to:

- † Provide financial support to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School for children with learning challenges.
- † Enhance the Catholic faith educational mission of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School by providing faculty with access to training that supports Catholic religious education.
- † Establish a long-term endowment program for Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School.



How to Invest in Our Children's Future

You can contribute to the Little Shepherds of Fatima Fund in a variety of ways. The LSFF is a separate designated fund – any gift to the LSFF is tax deductible. Gifts and bequests are subject to Archdiocesan Charitable Gift Acceptance Guidelines.

CASH GIFTS

An individual can choose to give from his or her current income through a cash gift or pledge payable over a one to five year period.

MEMORIALS

Families can choose to have the LSFF designated as the recipient of memorial donations.

BEQUESTS

Donors may find it convenient to designate a gift through their estate planning. A bequest in your will is a written instruction that disposes of some or all of the property controlled by the will. You may designate a specific cash amount, percentage of your estate, real estate or other property as a gift to the LSFF.

BENEFICIARIES

Donors may make the LSFF the beneficiary of existing or new life insurance policies. In such cases, insurance premiums may be tax deductible.

SECURITIES

Stocks, bonds and other securities may be donated at today's market value. Properly transferred as gifts, the tax advantages may be substantial.

PROPERTY

Real estate and other personal property may also be donated to the LSFF. This includes residences, farms, vacant land and vacation homes. Collectibles, such as coins, stamps, antiques and paintings, are also welcome gifts that can provide major tax savings to the donor.

TRUSTS

A trust arrangement allows the donor to retain a lifetime income from cash or property transferred to the LSFF as well as realizing current tax benefits.



OLFCS Graduate Success: 2nd Lt. Nicholas DeFancia Lumpp

Nicholas DeFancia Lumpp attended OLFCS from kindergarten through eighth grade and later graduated from Wheat Ridge High School with a 3.98 GPA. Since graduating from the United States Air Force Academy in June 2005, Nicholas now specializes in the acquisition of military and space equipment for the U.S. Air Force.



Nicholas DeFancia Lumpp

Nicholas credits OLFCS for the development of his Christian faith, academic discipline, love of sports and respect for superiors, all of which served him well at the United States Air Force Academy. “The Catholic atmosphere at OLF helped me develop a faith that played an important role in keeping me balanced during the more emotionally and psychologically stressful times at the Air Force Academy.”

Nicholas is proud of his beginnings at OLFCS and looks forward to a long career with the United States Air Force. “Looking back, I value the friendships I made, the opportunity to participate in athletics at an early age, the development of my Christian faith and the strong academic start.”



Financial Structure

All monies received for the purposes of the LSFF shall be deposited in the name of the Little Shepherds of Fatima Fund with The Catholic Foundation for the Archdiocese of Denver. Fund assets shall be invested and reinvested for the purpose of receiving ordinary income and building capital appreciation. All investments of the LSFF are subject to Archdiocese of Denver guidelines and policies. The Fund is administered as part of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish.

Governance

The Little Shepherds of Fatima Fund is supported by an Advisory Council composed of seven to thirteen members. The Council advises the Pastor and Principal on the financial management of the Fund, distributions of money from the Fund and assists in efforts to grow the Fund’s assets. The Council members include parents of OLFCS students and OLF parishioners with an interest in and commitment to Catholic education. The members are appointed by the Pastor to serve three-year terms, and the Council meets a minimum of four times a year.



Your Contribution Makes a Difference

In May 2000, Pope John Paul II journeyed to Fatima, Portugal for the beatification of the Blessed Francisco and Blessed Jacinta Marto, the little shepherd children who witnessed extraordinary appearances of the Blessed Mother in 1917. During his homily, the Holy Father instructed:

My last words are for the children...Ask your parents and teachers to enroll you in the 'school' of Our Lady, so that she can teach you to be like the little shepherds, who tried to do whatever she asked them. I tell you that one makes more progress in a short time of submission and dependence on Mary than during entire years of personal initiatives, relying on oneself alone...Father, to you I offer praise, for what you have hidden from the learned and the clever you have revealed to the merest children.

Pope John Paul II



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