

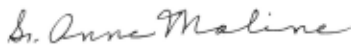
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Dear Friends,

As the new school year begins and we welcome 600 students ranging in age from 3-14 years I continue to realize that not all teachers are adults. Often the children provide life lessons that renew and revitalize our own sense of wonder and appreciation.

One such occasion happened when I was crossing the playground and some second graders were laughing as they chased white cottonwood floating through the air. When I asked what they were doing, they gleefully replied they were "catching wishes." I smiled and reminded myself to catch, not the cottonwood, but their sense of freedom and imagination.

Metro Catholic is indeed a place of chasing wishes and empowering dreams. These become reality in countless success stories for our students and for their families. So many of you, our friends, have helped make these wishes and dreams take shape and form. In this Annual Appeal we ask for your generous support to help make our current students' dreams a reality. We also invite you to visit us and experience a sense of new wonder and excitement for yourself.



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SUCCESS STORIES...

...from our METRO CATHOLIC GRADUATES

Ana Mendez Kosakowski Class of 1989

Ana Mendez Kosakowski and her friends fondly refer to their years at Metro Catholic School as *The Wonder Years!*



Ana, managing the Kaiser Pharmacy Service Center

Ana, a member of our first graduating class, moved on to St. Augustine Academy, where her high GPA qualified her for Inroads, a program that nurtured her interest in pharmacy.

Ana received a full scholarship to the University of Toledo. The first in her family to attend college, Ana has inspired the next generation, and now has a niece at the University of Toledo.

A registered pharmacist, Ana has worked with Kaiser since 1999 and is now the Manager of the Pharmacy Service Center. Ana attributes much of her motivation and success to her 7th grade teacher, Mr. McAndrews. "He made college

sound like so much fun! This had a lot of appeal to a seventh grader!" says Ana.

Ana currently resides in Westlake with her husband, Greg (also a graduate of Metro Catholic School) and daughters, Gabriela and Grace. Ana remains in touch with many of her Metro Catholic friends. "In fact," she says, "My whole life is six degrees from Metro Catholic!"



*Metro Catholic School
continues to empower dreams!*

*Your contribution makes
all the difference.
Thank you for your generosity.*

Thomas Forkapa Class of 1999

Tom writes: "I graduated from St. Edward High School in 2003 and from Eastern Michigan University in 2007.

In 2009 I enrolled as a graduate student at Eastern Michigan, working toward a Master's degree in History and Library Science.



Tom proudly displays his diploma from Eastern Michigan

My ultimate goal is to become a professor, librarian or archival tech. Eventually, I would like to achieve a Ph.D. My dream is to work at the Library of Congress, National Archives, or the U.S. History Museum in Washington, D.C.

I love school and the solid foundation I received at Metro Catholic has allowed me to further my education and accomplish anything I set out to achieve."

*Congratulations, Ana and Tom.
We are soooooo proud of you
and wish you the very best!!*