

Monsignor John T. Foudy

# St. Anne School Endowment Fund

*An Investment in the Future of Our School*

Fall 2014

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## Our school is fortunate to have the Endowment Fund

*Robert Ogilvie, Chair, Monsignor John T. Foudy Endowment Fund*

Once again, I have the pleasure of writing to say "Thank you" to all of you who have so generously donated to the Monsignor John T. Foudy St. Anne School Endowment Fund this year. As is customary, your donations have been placed into the Endowment Fund and the interest from that Fund is being used to upgrade conditions in the school, enhance our in-classroom technology and to assist families that need it with tuition costs.

As many of you know, during the summer, we upgraded the science lab, and costs for that were borne entirely by the Endowment Fund. We are also saving for the upcoming roof replacement and seismic assessment of the school building. Neither of these projects have been bid out yet, but we anticipate that the costs will be significant. Both will be paid for entirely by the Endowment Fund.

We are fortunate as a school to be able to afford these and other past and future improvements to our physical plant, and to be able to assist our families without raising tuition. That is the fundamental purpose of the Endowment Fund, and we would not be able to do all of this without your generosity. So, thank you all.

## School news

*Thomas White, Principal, St. Anne School*

### Science lab renovation

With each passing year here at St. Anne School, I am constantly reminded about how fortunate our school is to have such great parents, students, teachers, and staff, present and past! Thanks to the efforts of all our parents, our St. Anne Parent Teacher Organization (SAPTO) our faculty and staff, and our alum and their families, we continue to grow and expand our school programs as

well as update our facilities. Many of you will remember our old science lab. We can now boast that our "old" science lab has been transformed. Custom cabinets and display units have been installed. Lab tables and stools allow our students practical and functional workspaces. Microscopes, specimens, models, and science kits have expanded our students' opportunities to delve deeper into science.

### S.T.E.M. and biology

Our science teacher, Sarah Pandey, along with a volunteer parent, have established an after school S.T.E.M. program along with a biology program. Students in grades 5 – 8 now have an opportunity to increase their hands-on experiences with science, technology, engineering, and math. Not only do these students construct devices, they also use computers to program them to perform certain tasks. I hope that you will stop by some time this year to see our revitalized and energized science program.

### Spanish and tennis

In addition to the changes in our science program, we have also added two new extra-curricular programs to our list of offerings – Spanish and tennis. Both of these programs have been well received by students and families.

### Alumni Registry

If you are receiving this newsletter, then you must have already registered yourself on our alumni site. I would now like to ask YOU to reach out to a fellow graduate of St. Anne School and get them to register on our site: <http://alumni.stanne-sf.org>.

### Website and video

Again, thanks to the efforts of a number of our parents and staff, our website, <http://www.stanne.com>, has been redesigned to be more informative and attractive. If you have not been to our site lately, go there and look for a short video of Mrs. Meek, whom most of you have had here in Jr. High, talking about our school. I hope you feel the same way

about our school that Mrs. Meek expresses in the video.

### Reunion

Please mark January 24, 2015 on your calendars. This is the date of our school's Parent and Alumni Open House. The Open House will run from 3:00 – 5:00. We will have an All-School Mass at 5:00 in our church followed by dinner for all of our alumni in attendance. The teachers, staff and I would love to see you and hear all about what you are doing. We will also be recognizing our graduates of 25 years, graduates from 1990, and our 50-year graduates from the class of 1965. So it is a date. Mark January 24 on your calendars and plan on joining us for this celebration.

As we mean and like to say, "St. Anne School... simply "The BEST"!"



*Students in the renovated Science Lab*

## Alumni Updates

### Alice Boland Asturias, Class of 1928

*Catherine Steinbach, Member, Monsignor John T. Foudy Endowment Fund committee*

Alice Boland Asturias and her family have been part of St. Anne's community for over 80 years. Alice attended St. Anne School as did her 10 children and several grandchildren. She remains a steadfast parishioner and supporter of the school.

Alice was born to Francis and Mary Clark Boland who lived in Noe Valley until Alice was in 7th grade. The family moved to Funston and she graduated from St. Anne School in 1928. She does not have fond memories of her eighth grade teacher Sr. Mary Bernard who she describes as a "tartar". When she was in eighth grade, the area across from the school at Funston and Irving (now Andronico's) was a streetcar lot. The lot was for sale and there was talk that a high school would be built on the site. At the time there was not a high school in the western part of the City. However the school was not built and Alice ended up commuting on two streetcars to St. Brigid's for high school.

Alice met her future husband, Mario Michael Asturias, when she went to Honolulu after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. She worked as a secretary for a company hired to raise the ships that sank in the attack. They were married in Hawaii and had Mary, their first born, while they were there. They moved to San Francisco after the war and settled on 30th Ave. Five more daughters were born Rita, Ester, Patricia, Christine and Lisa before they bought a new home on Kirkham. At the time there was a duplex on the St. Anne's property that the church leaders wanted to move. The Asturias' bought the duplex and moved it to a lot next door to their home on Lurline. Alice said that it took almost 24 hours to move it because they had to wait until the streetcars shut down for the night to get across Judah and then had a difficult time placing the house onto the new foundation. Her daughters, Lisa Clark and Teresa Rechsteiner, and their families live in the duplex now.

Alice and Mario had four more children Louise, Francis Michael, Teresa and Carla after the move to Kirkham. In 1950 their daughter Mary started school at St. Anne and they continued to have children there for the next 22 years. At one time she had seven kids at the school! She was a very active school volunteer. She lead Girl Scout troops, was part of the Mother's club (SAPTO), ran Great Books and helped put together the Mother's Club Cookbook. Her husband Mario was very active as well and helped found the St. Anne's



*The Asturias Family on the first day of school 1959*

Mens' Club. Mario passed away suddenly in 1969 at the age of 55. The first St. Anne's blood drive was named in his memory.

Alice continues to live in the family home on Kirkham. Several of her children live nearby. Mary and Teresa recall that school was very different from what it is now. The boys and girls were separated in their classrooms. The classes were very large with up to 50 students per class. The single sex classes continued until Monsignor Foudy became pastor. Monsignor Moriarty would not allow it. Teresa said that the teachers who taught the boys only classes were thrilled when the classrooms became co-ed!

They remember a dance teacher Miss Springette who taught in the basement of the old Church. The classes included a May Day dance on May 1 where the students danced around a Maypole. They also remember that Funston was closed between Irving and Judah at lunchtime so the students had a larger area to play in.

The next generation of students to attend include Teresa's three children Vincent ('02), Catharine ('03) and Paul ('05). During this time, Alice attended Grandparent's day and other events in support of the grandchildren. She remained active in the parish and diocese as well. Teresa was also active at the school volunteering for Great Books (like her Mom), helping at SAPTO events and coaching volleyball. In addition, she was the church's bookkeeper for years

The legacy of the Asturias family is one of service and commitment to the school and parish.



*The Asturias Family*

## Keeping in touch

- Willam Burket (1965): "Married with 3 adult children and 4 grandchildren. Retired February 1, 2012 after 35 years 5 months as a locomotive engineer with SP and Amtrak. Rosalie and I live in San Jose and spend time at our house in Truckee, CA. Next year 2015 is the 50th year since our class graduated. How about a reunion? I'm willing to help put it together."
- Maria (Wilhite) Acoba (1988): "I am married and together we have 3 active boys at home and 3 beautiful girls. We are blessed to have my mother living with us to care for our boys while I have returned to work (part-time for now) as a clerical assistant at Michles & Booth, P.A. I only was a student at St. Anne during 8th grade when I came from Alabama to live with my dear cousins, Darlene and Randy. It was a rough start but good memories were made too. I won the Spelling Bee and represented our school in the district. At our class rummage sale, I was so entertained by the talents of some of our classmates (Dennis as a great George Michael) and happy to meet a friend of Kathleen, former GH actor - Justin Whalin. Our Confirmation Retreat leaders were great. It was an honor to be one of the speakers at our Class Dinner."

## All Class Reunion, January 25, 2014



*Alumni Bob Asselin (1936) and Gena Maru Befoni (1932) singing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling". Gena passed away last summer.*



*Anita Milestone, mother of 8 St. Anne graduates*

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Celebrating:

- Class of 1965 Golden Jubilee
- Class of 1990 Silver Jubilee

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## From our pastor

*Fr. Daniel Nascimento, Pastor, St. Anne of the Sunset Church*



Father Daniel  
Nascimento

I remember when Msgr. Foudy spoke at Mass about the idea of creating an endowment for the school. I was there. I grew up in the Parish since 1974, and I was literally in the pew when he made that announcement. At the time I thought "what a

wonderful idea. The school will always have money for future generations based on interests earned, leaving the capital intact." Now as Pastor of St. Anne, I wish I could go back in time and whisper to Msgr. Foudy to change the endowment from being simply for the School to include the Parish as well. As our facility becomes older and its equipment breaks down, this vast plant will need funds for ongoing maintenance. In addition, the endowment also supports families in need. I think we

all know people who've lost a parent and especially when they are parents of young children, it becomes difficult for the surviving parent to provide for the family. Your support to St. Anne School Endowment, enables us to provide for these families, those children who've lost so much already. Being able to provide continuity, familiarity and a loving supportive faith community is a gift you can help us continue to provide.

As I shared with the parents and staff as they returned to school this year, St. Anne School has all the right ingredients to be the Center for Happiness. In a PBS program entitled Happy, they studied peoples of different cultures and religions and came up with the 5 essential elements to happiness:

1. Playing
2. Having family and friends
3. Belonging to a community
4. Doing something for others
5. And practicing gratitude.

These 5 elements are present in our School and Parish community. Together, we belong to a faith community that, at times, can feel like an extended family. Many develop friendships through their children's activities. And the opportunity to do something outside of ourselves is ever present as the School and Parish offers volunteer opportunities. And lastly, when we gather to pray, we come together to give thanks to God for life's many blessings. Your present and past support to the Endowment continues to make St. Anne School a wonderful community where we can keep down the cost of tuition, so that more families can participate in this community of faith and center of happiness.

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