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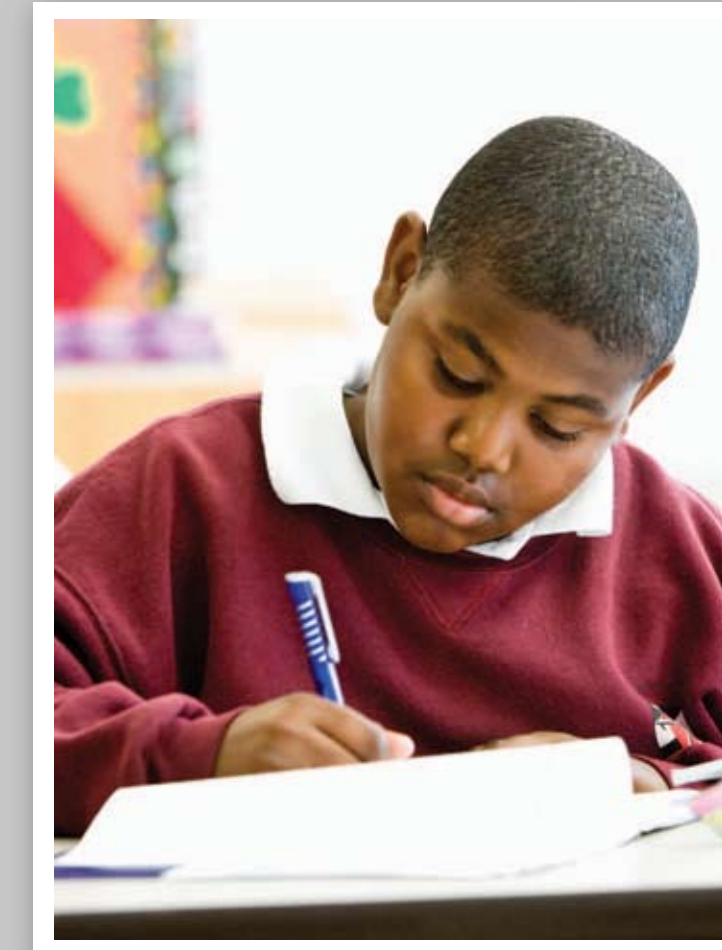
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A Letter from Robert J. Lalanne and Nicole McAuliffe

Dear Friends of Megan Furth Catholic Academy,



We are pleased to present this annual report for 2009-10, the first such document prepared for Megan Furth Catholic Academy. Thanks to the generosity of benefactors such as you, the Academy continues to be a model for success for the education of the underserved children of San Francisco.

Although the continued recession presented many fund-raising challenges to our school community, we can report with pride that our Ninth Annual Luncheon generated more than \$400,000. In addition, our Christmas card fund-raising drive brought in more than \$30,000. We have sold the Convent at the Sacred Heart campus and have an offer pending on the Rectory. Sale proceeds are going into our tuition endowment fund. Still, however, we work toward meeting our annual fund-raising goal of \$1.4 million.

We thank you again for your support of our school and our mission. We humbly ask that you continue to support us as we strive to secure better opportunities for our students.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Lalanne
Chair, Board of Trustees

Nicole McAuliffe
Principal

To invest in Megan Furth Catholic Academy is to invest in the future.

Most of our students come from low-income, single-parent families. More than 50 percent of our families fall below the poverty line, and many live in the poorest areas of San Francisco. Our school community is comprised of families who are committed to receiving an exceptional education that promotes core values. We are preparing these students for a better future.

Tuition at MFCA is \$3,000 per year, although the actual cost of educating each student is \$12,142. More than 80 percent of our families qualify for tuition assistance. MFCA is a wise investment. Nearly 85 percent of our operating funds are used for direct instruction, either to pay our credentialed teachers or to pay for textbooks and other instructional materials. Our class sizes are kept small so each student can receive an individualized education.

Our program works!

Recent standardized test scores indicate that 59 percent of our students are performing at or above grade level in reading and math. This contrasts sharply with similar students in public schools in San Francisco. According to a recent news article, only 27 percent of African-American students are achieving at or above grade level in reading, and only 30 percent have achieved grade level in math.

Since MFCA was formed, about 75 percent of our graduates have been admitted to parochial or private high schools in the Bay Area. We currently have graduates at Stuart Hall High School, Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory, Immaculate Conception Academy, Mercy High School, Archbishop Riordan High School, and the Marin School.

Our Model for Student Success

MFCA offers an extended school day. Students in kindergarten through 8th grade are in class from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Free breakfast and child care is available beginning at 7 a.m., and an After School Academic Program is available until 6 p.m. to reinforce subjects taught in the classroom and to provide homework support.

The average class size at Megan Furth Catholic Academy is 15. Students follow a comprehensive, standards-based curriculum in language arts, math, science, and social studies. Students are taught to use critical-thinking skills that will prepare them for high school. They are challenged through differentiated instructional opportunities throughout the curriculum.

Each student in kindergarten through 8th grade receives instruction in technology in MFCA's computer lab three days per week. Students in grades 1 through 8 receive Spanish language instruction three days per week. Middle school students are part of an entrepreneurship education program called the Network For Teaching Entrepreneurship or NFTE. The program's goal is to improve students' business, academic, and life skills. Physical education and art instruction is provided twice a week, and music instruction is weekly. MFCA also has a school choir and a violin program.

Religious instruction is given daily. The school day begins with a prayer and Mass is celebrated each Friday. Faith formation classes are available for any student wishing to participate.

- 15 students average class size
- 25 students enrolled in the 2010-11 Kindergarten class
- 85% of our operating funds are used for instruction
- 1% of our operating funds are used for fund-raising
- 59% of our students are performing at or above grade level
- 75% of our graduates are admitted to parochial/private high schools



Ninth Annual Luncheon and 2010 Golden Apple Award



Megan Furth Catholic Academy was proud to honor Clint and Janet Reilly as recipients of the 2010 Golden Apple Award at its Ninth Annual Luncheon in May.

The Golden Apple Award is bestowed upon individuals who exemplify commitment to the ideal that every child in San Francisco has equal access to the very best educational opportunities. Clint and Janet Reilly are committed to inner-city education and to many children's organizations in the Bay Area.

Clint and Janet Reilly are longtime supporters of Megan Furth Catholic Academy students. The Reilly Family Scholarship Fund provides four-year high school scholarships for inner-city students to attend Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory, Archbishop Riordan High School, Immaculate Conception Academy and Mercy High School in San Francisco. Many MFCA alums who have benefited from Reilly Family scholarships joined us at the luncheon.

More than 300 people attended the Ninth Annual Luncheon, which was held at the Julia Morgan Ballroom. MFCA students in grades 2 through 6 proudly displayed their class projects to the luncheon guests. The MFCA school choir performed. CBS 5 Reporter Kate Kelly was the mistress of ceremonies, and the Rev. Charles Gagan presented the Golden Apple Award to Clint and Janet Reilly. The event concluded with a video spotlighting four successful MFCA graduates, and a spirited live auction. The faculty, staff and students of MFCA would like to say a special thank you to our supporters and everyone who helped make the event a memorable affair.



Save the Date:
May 12, 2011
10th Annual
Luncheon

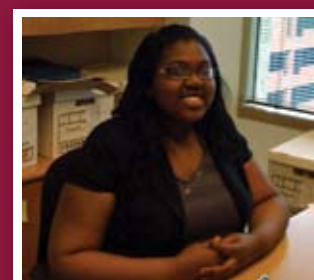
Charles Phan, Chef and Restaurateur, contributed to the auction excitement as a bidding war took place for a private dinner at his new restaurant *Heaven's Dog*.



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You Are Invited:
You are invited to visit us on Fridays for Mass followed by a school tour. Please call (415) 346-0143 to schedule your tour.

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May 12, 2011 ~ 10th Annual Luncheon



MFCA Graduate Spotlight on Erica Evans:

Erica Evans is now a senior at Mercy High School in San Francisco. She received a four-year *achieve* scholarship upon graduation from MFCA in 2007. She is a member of Mercy's yearbook staff and is part of Kaleidoscope, a multicultural club. Her favorite subject is chemistry. She is busy applying for colleges this year. Erica lives with her mother in the Hunters Point neighborhood of San Francisco. She will be the first member of her family to attend college.