

INVEST IN THE FUTURE



The time has come for SFM in Irving, TX to expand! We invite you to support current and future SFM children and families with a gift today to the 2020-2023 capital campaign.

St. Francis Montessori's remarkable growth over the last 11 years reflects a widespread renaissance in Catholic life in North Texas. The school's particular emphasis on educating the whole person has made a profound impact on children and their families. Many families have laid the groundwork for this school and many more are moving here because of it. SFM's vibrant community continues to draw families in search of an authentic Montessori environment that fosters children's inner desire to learn. While the school's foundation remains strong, the floorspace has become limited. Together we can set SFM on a sustainable path as a vital institution for decades to come. It's an exciting time to contribute to the growth of our community!

At the heart of our work is the task of awakening each child's natural wonder, from which flows a deep and lasting desire for learning and growth, together with compassion, self-reliance, and other human virtues. In this context, too, we nurture the child's relationship with God, fostering the religious values of joy and contemplation.

We invite every family in our community and beyond to invest in the future of SFM so that we can continue to serve children and families in DFW through our Montessori school and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.



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WHERE WE'RE COMING FROM

Over the past 11 years, the school has seen **tremendous support from the community**. From a small class of a dozen children, learning in the homes of UD professors in the early years, to our wonderful houses on Iris Street, St. Francis Montessori has been blessed beyond measure. Over 450 families have been impacted by and joyfully contributed to the St. Francis Montessori community over the years.

WHERE WE ARE

For the past 9 of our 11 years, SFM has seen **maximum capacity** as well as a waiting list. 100 families currently form the school and Catechesis community. In 2020 and the start of 2021, the students of the Elementary program are in a rented classroom off-campus because we no longer have space on Iris Street. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd students in Atrium are in a small, not-ideal space due to classroom constraints. The demand and desire for a joyfully Catholic, Montessori education in the DFW area is strong. The families who attend SFM are committed, eager partners in awakening the natural sense of wonder in the children of our school. Our number one commitment remains supporting our current families.

WHERE WE'RE GOING

Our goal is to raise **\$800,000 by the spring of 2023** to expand our school with two new elementary classrooms (accommodating 50), an atrium, a circular drive, and parking. With the generosity of our early donors, we have been able to put a down payment down on a 4,000 square foot house on an acre of land around the corner from St. Francis and St. Clare! We still have some city-required improvements to do on our new building, San Damiano, but we are grateful to have found a place to grow in our current neighborhood. You can read more about how we will use the capital campaign funds in our FAQ. We trust God's provident plan for the growth of our school.

HOW WE'LL GET THERE

We know a campaign will involve sacrifice and uncertainty, yet we also see it as an opportunity to embrace a future SFM poised to continue to serve children for many, many more years. This is a special invitation now to invest in the future of St. Francis. We thank you in advance for prayerfully considering how you can participate through a gift of your own. An equally important way to contribute is to identify people in your circle who could contribute.

On the following page is an outline of current pledges as well as a breakdown of how we can together reach \$800,000.

GIFT AMOUNT	GIFTS NEEDED	PAID ANNUALLY	PAID OVER 30 MONTHS	GIFTS PLEDGED	AMOUNT PLEDGED
\$200,000	1	\$66,667	\$6,667		
\$125,000	1	\$41,667	\$4,167		
\$50,000	2	\$16,667	\$1,667	1	
\$25,000	4	\$8,333	\$833	2	\$50,000
\$10,000	8	\$3,333	\$333	3	\$30,000
\$5,000	10	\$1,667	\$167	5	\$25,000
\$2,500	25	\$833	\$83	5	\$12,500
\$1,000	40	\$333	\$33	10	\$10,000
\$500	50	\$167	\$17	3	\$1,500
\$250	70	\$83	\$8	3	\$750

TOTAL NEEDED	\$800,000
DONORS NEEDED	211

PLEDGED	\$179,750
REMAINING	\$620,250

As of August 2021.
Some gifts split across levels for illustrative purposes.

WHO WILL GIVE

Because outside donors are much more likely to give to an organization that has strong internal support, we are securing pledges from current families in spring 2021. We will need **roughly 200 donors at the levels outlined to reach our goal**, and there are currently 100 St. Francis families. Our sincere hope is that each current family can commit to one of the giving levels and connect us to at least five friends, family members, or associates.

If you can provide the introduction, our campaign committee can make the request. Please consider whom you could invite to support our school during this exciting time of growth. We will also be extending the invitation to contribute to Atrium-only families and former SFM families.

HOW TO GIVE

Current families can give their gift

- as a monthly or yearly payment to Smart Tuition
- by check to St. Francis Montessori
- at stfrancisirving.org

Chelsea Gibson, Campaign Chair, will be reaching out in the coming months to schedule a call or meeting to discuss your gift and any ideas you have for the campaign. This will count as volunteer hours.

Ready to pledge? Questions? Contact Chelsea Gibson
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PRAYER FOR THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Almighty and loving God, we thank and praise You for Your faithfulness to our school for the past 11 years.

A new chapter has presented itself as our facilities are in need of expansion and renovation. We trust in You as we step out in faith to grow our school campus.

Awakening each child's natural wonder and nurturing his/her relationship with You, our Wondrous Creator, is our most ardent desire. We believe this is also Your will, not only for now but for generations to come.

O Lord, we know that You have planned for us
more than we can ask, or even imagine.
Quiet our anxieties and help us with any concerns
we may have about this campaign,
that we may know and experience the abundant life
that our Savior Jesus calls us to.
Pour Your blessings down upon our benefactors,
both present and future.

May we fulfill our calling with generous hearts and minds
to this vision and for the resources it will require.

We ask this in the name of
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
and through the intercessions of
our most Blessed Mother, St. Joseph,
and our patron saints, St. Francis and St. Clare. Amen.

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6