“As a single parent, it is especially important to me that my children attend a Catholic school. I want them to have the discipline, structure, and faith-based education that the schools provide. After my son, Sean, was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), I felt overwhelmed trying to learn about the disorder and advocating for him in the classroom at the same time. What a blessing it would have been to have specially trained people available to assist Sean, our family, and school personnel as soon as the disorder was diagnosed. This could have made his classroom activities and interactions with his peers and family more successful as soon as possible and alleviated distressful situations.”

Debra
Sioux Falls

“The fourth grade basketball team won the season’s 1st place trophy. I invited all of the boys to gather for a photo. They quickly realized one team member was missing. He may have never made a basket, but it was obvious that in spite of his Down syndrome, Jacob was an integral member of this team. The boys asked if they could wait until he could join in for the photo. When Jacob arrived, one boy banded him the team’s trophy and with the biggest smile ever, Jacob ran the victory lap under bridged arms of his teammates. I choked with emotion at the sight of how this team defined the true meaning of inclusion.”

Mrs. Lockwood, Principal
St. Lambert School

Mission:

Our mission is to provide the opportunity for everyone to develop and share their God-given gifts within our Catholic faith community.

Vision:

All are welcomed into God’s family through baptism. Unfortunately, due to limited resources, some of our children with special needs cannot be served by many of our Catholic schools and religious education programs.

The purpose of the REACH Foundation is to help families overcome obstacles and provide specialized services to all who seek a Catholic education.

Our hope is that the faithful will embrace and welcome people with a wide range of abilities so that all who are created in God’s image can become contributing members of the Catholic community.

I tell you the truth, whenever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.

– Matthew 25:40

Prayer for Children with Special Needs

God created each person. We are to see Jesus in everyone.

Jesus, we remember the children who have special needs. We pray for these children who face difficult challenges each day. Guide us in being friendly, patient, and understanding. Help us to see the person and not the disability. Amen.

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God calls us...

...to serve all of his children, including those with:

- learning disabilities
- autism
- Down syndrome
- Asperger’s
- hearing impairments
- Cerebral Palsy
- and a multitude of other special needs

Your contributions to REACH will help to answer this call.

Contributions to the fund will provide funding to support children with special needs to participate in Catholic schools and Religious Education programs which are currently unavailable to them because of the additional costs necessary for inclusion.

Contributions to the endowment ensure that the foundation can continue well into the future to provide funding for services to children who need additional help and support.

Help us REACH for our goal.

Your donation to REACH will make a difference to those children who need additional help and support. Please consider a gift at one of these levels:

- $50
- $100
- $250
- $500
- $1,000
- $2,500
- $5,000
- $10,000

I/We would like my/our gift to support the:

- Endowment Fund
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Jesse Rydell
O’Gorman Junior High

“We have a son who is hearing impaired. We are just like any other parents, we want our son to have the same opportunities as other children. For me that includes the gift of a Catholic education just as I had growing up.”

Jesse Rydell
O’Gorman Junior High

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Christopher Faundeen
O’Gorman Junior High

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Christopher Faundeen
O’Gorman Junior High

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