

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

In the 13th century, St. Francis and St. Clare said yes to the Lord's call to renew the Church in Assisi, Italy, through lives of prayer, peace, and love for the poor. Their example inspired the men and women of their time to embrace the Gospel and dedicate their lives to God as religious brothers and sisters.

Nearly 800 years later, women continue to answer God's call following St. Clare's example by taking up lives of prayer at the Monastery of St. Clare in the Dominican Republic. Women who enter the monastery begin a formation process that encompasses prayer, study, and adaptation to separation from the world in a cloistered community. With funding through the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the monastery has been able to cover the food, clothing, and educational expenses for 18 sisters in various stages of formation.

Vocations to religious life are fulfilled through the prayers and contributions that sustain men and women religious in their mission. Helping the sisters at the Monastery of Saint Clare say yes to God's call is just one of the many positive impacts made by your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America in strengthening the relationship between Catholics in the United States and those in Latin America and the Caribbean.

For more information about how donations help the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

2023 CLA Financials

Expenses

Grants and Donations: 77.60%

Program Costs: **7.91**%

Allocations—Internal Grants: 8.22%

Promotions and Fundraising Expenses: 4.66%

Administrative Expenses: 1.61%

Total Expenses: \$5,725,947

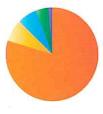
Total Number of Grants Approved: 252 Total Amount Approved: \$6,227,608

General Pastoral*: 53.00%

 Formation of Clergy and Religious, and Vocations: 19.44%

Emergency Disaster Funds: 27.56%

*Includes evangelization, religious education, family, and other pastoral ministries







Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of all America, Your appearance at Tepeyac began the evangelization Of the peoples of the Americas. From you was born our Liberator and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who broke for us the chains of sin and death And brings us the promise of life eternal.

In these challenging times, We ask you to intercede for us, O Blessed Mother, That we might reject The idols of power, wealth, and fleeting pleasure, And instead be renewed in zeal for love Of your Son and for our neighbors.

May we embrace All the peoples of Latin America As brothers and sisters of your Son, Proclaiming to them the Good News Of God's unfailing mercy.

Mary, Mother of God, Shelter us in your mantle as you sheltered Juan Diego and countless missionaries and disciples Who proclaimed your Son as God and King, And lead us to serve him With joy, love, and hope Today and all our days.

Amen.

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	Alice Harvell Deceased members of the Scheffer Family & the Harvell Family		
	Adalinda & Charlie Loos	Kate Loos	Leo & Mina Rose Gobel
	Deceased members of the Adam Le	oos Family Matt Buerck	Catherine Buerck
	Craig Buerck	Harry Allen	Lowell & Diane Mangels
	Ed & Evelyn Thiele	Kathleen Gibbar	Mary Gibbar Herndon
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	Champ & Anna Lewis	Monica Lewis	Ellen Lewis
	Theo Vogelweid	Christi Lohmann	Charles Seyer
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a dozen reasons to choose Catholic Schools

We cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring and effective.

We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.

We offer an education that combines Catholic faith and teachings with academic excellence.

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We partner with parents in the faith formation of

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We have a 99 percent high school graduation rate. 85 percent of our graduates go to college.

We prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders.

Catholic Schools

United in Faith and Community

We emphasize moral development and self-discipline.

We teach children respect of self and others.

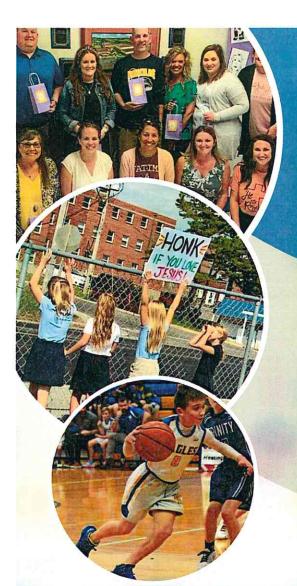
We instill in students the value of service to others.

We set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed.

We provide a balanced academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture and life.

We use technology effectively to enhance education.

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Immaculate Conception School

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- Pre-K through 8th grade enrollment: 176
- Average class size: 16
- Faculty and Staff: 34 dedicated and faith-filled educators, administrators, and support staff!

WHERE WE EXCEL:

- Catholic formation
- Elementary education
- Math
- Language arts
- Science
- Social Studies
- Physical Education
- Music
- Art
- Service projects

SPORTS AND CLUBS:

- Adoration club
- Band
- Students4Life Club
- Girls and boys volleyball
- Girls and boys basketball
- Archery
- Lego Robotics

Guided by our faith, Immaculate Conception School is dedicated to the development of the whole child through Catholic formation, academic excellence, leadership, and service to others.

