



# “The Bishop Kelly Campaign” Update

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Christmas is a time when, in awe and wonder, we celebrate God’s gift to his human family. Traditionally, we gather together with family celebrating the joy of the season with those who are closest to us and mean the most to us. It is in this spirit that we at Bishop Kelly embrace our extended Bishop Kelly family wishing you all the hope, joy and wonder that is Christmas.

### \$150,000.00 CHALLENGE GRANT!

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, we were surprised to receive a \$150,000 challenge grant from an anonymous donor. The challenge will provide a 50-percent match to all new pledges up to a maximum total contribution of \$150,000.

As we began the Faculty and Parents phases of the campaign, we are able to leverage gifts from our parents and faculty through this match.

### PARENTS AND FACULTY PHASE BEGINS.

Through October and November, we have been asking our faculty to consider making a pledge to our campaign. Our goal for this phase is to have 100 percent of our faculty participating in the campaign. In a touching and impressive show of support, many of our faculty members have made a pledge to our campaign. All of us value the caring devotion of our faculty to our school and our children. In addition to the

sacrifices they make to create the environment where our children learn, grow and thrive, they are also sacrificing to give back. We are truly blessed and humbled by their dedication to Bishop Kelly.

From now through the end of February, we are also asking our parents to visit the school and learn about the campaign. We have about 500 families to meet with over the next few months and so it will be a busy time for the campaign. While we are at 75% of our minimum goal, our parents and faculty, along with our past parents and alumni, hold the key to pushing us over the top.

## CORPORATE PHASE CONTINUES!

Over the past few months, we are also concurrently working in the Corporate Phase of our campaign. In this phase, we are asking the Valley's leading corporations and employers to consider a gift to our campaign. Having a private, Catholic school in Boise adds a great deal to our community on many levels. Our leading employers recognize the many benefits Bishop Kelly offers our community and have been stepping in to help us reach our goals. Recognizing their support for our school with your support is important. The following companies have made a corporate gift to the campaign at this time.

Central Paving  
J. R Simplot Company  
US Bank  
Wells Fargo Bank  
CM Company  
Washington Trust Bank

In addition to those companies who have participated in the Corporate Phase to date, a number of local businesses have participated

via gifts in kind and preferential bids on the work performed this summer including;

Alliance Electric  
CB Contractors  
CM Company  
Contract Floors Inc.  
Interior Systems Inc.  
Strata Geotechnical  
TML Service Experts

## \$50,000 IDAHO POWER REBATE

While we expected a rebate for the HVAC and energy efficiency improvements we made this summer, the final rebate was larger than expected. We received a check from Idaho Power for \$49,938. Upgrades included 23 high efficiency heating and cooling units, double paned windows, insulation, programmable thermostats, and occupancy sensors for the classroom lighting. This rebate, arranged by TML Service Experts, goes back into the school's building fund and will go toward the rest of the school's building projects the campaign is undertaking.

## LAURA MOORE CUNNINGHAM SCHOLARS

There are currently ten Laura Moore Cunningham Scholars at Bishop Kelly, each receiving \$5000 toward their education. All of these scholars are from outside Ada County and have a 3.0 or better GPA as required by the terms of the scholarship. These scholars are a new and welcomed addition to the 16 Carley Scholars also attending Bishop Kelly. Our scholars wrote thank you notes to the Foundation and family. They said;

*“I am so grateful to continue my Catholic education at Bishop Kelly. You are a beautiful example of God’s love and generosity to me and my family.”*

*“I want to assure you that this scholarship money will be put to good use and I will continue to give my best effort to all my school work.”*

*“My family and I are overwhelmed by the generosity of this gift and consider it a blessing for the whole family.”*

*“I want to let you know how much... ..I appreciate your generous scholarship gift.”*

*“I have gotten so much from my Bishop Kelly education... ..I hope that one day I too will be fortunate enough to be able to give back to Bishop Kelly to help future students receive the level of education I was afforded.”*

*“... being from a family of eight can be a financial strain.....this monetary support is truly a blessing...”*

## BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

All work on the school being funded by the campaign is being planned and managed by the Building Committee of the Board of Governance. This committee meets at least monthly and has a tremendous quantity of work on its docket planning for future work as well as serving as the project management entity for the school during ongoing projects. The committee members are all volunteers including:

Tim LaMott (*Chairman*)  
Bernadette Downs (*BK Business Manager*)  
Randy Forster (*Board of Governance*)  
Chuck Irvine (*Head of Maintenance*)  
David Lachiondo (*BK President*)  
Larry Neznanski (*Faculty Representative*)  
Peter Oliver (*BK Future Parent*)  
Jim Redinger (*BK Past Parent*)  
Mark Resman (*Board of Governance*)  
Robert Wehde (*Principal*)

This committee is currently evaluating the schools complete list of capital requirements and prioritizing projects. Additionally, the committee is reviewing the work completed this summer and prioritizing the remaining work to be completed with the school’s proceeds from the capital campaign. The work of projecting what can be done and how much to commit to is directly related to the campaign and pledges received. The committee does not plan or schedule work that is not directly backed up by pledges. We are working hard in the campaign to get our pledges up to at least the \$10 million mark so planning for the common area can begin. That is a long lead time project and we really cannot begin to draw up plans until we know what our budget (pledges) will be for the project. We need plans to the city for approval at least six months before the anticipated start date.

For the next summer, the committee anticipates starting work on the entry, parking, landscape, and driveway areas and possibly the new home side bleachers in Nick Ysursa Field. The school has about \$1 million in outstanding pledges designated for building projects, so that is the scope of work being planned. These modest portions of the total package will allow the campaign to continue to accumulate pledges so we have a better visibility into what we can afford going forward. There are several options on the student commons and chapel expansion and simply put, it will be those donors who we have not yet spoke to who will help us define what we can do. We need another \$2.5 million to reach the minimum goal. Keep us in your prayers and consider inviting a friend to help.

## RENOVATIONS ARE NOW COMPLETE

We have finished the last of the renovations from this summer. As with any project we started school with some loose

ends still to be finished in the school. The bulk of this work was cabinetry installation. Our technology staff also had much to do to install or reinstall and activate all the supporting technology in the classrooms. Everything is now completed.

Lane Brown shared a conversation she had with a student;

*“A student walked through my room today and said wow your room looks so much more professional. We laughed and I asked her what that meant. It is nice to have so much space to store and display things. There is so much more room to work and move around the room. Plus having the new technology and a projector, it really feels upscale.”*

In the art studio, Jane Wilson, who was always a happy person now seems to wear a permanent grin! As Jane said, *“The new art space is an amazing improvement to our program. We are calling it the Pottery Palace. The addition of a separate space for painting and drawing is a God send. Mrs. Riley and I can now teach side by side and we feel like a real department for the first time.”*

We agree ~ You, our generous donors, are a God send.

## “WINNER’S CHOICE” AUCTION NETS OVER \$1¼ MILLION

As a side note, the wrap-up meeting for the Bishop Kelly “Winner’s Choice” Auction Committee was held on December 13<sup>th</sup> and the net proceeds were announced. This year the Bishop Kelly auction netted an astonishing \$261,131.62 at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> event. The auction itself, both silent and live, netted \$191,331.62. An additional \$69,800 was given in the reverse auction for Fr. Wilson financial aid grants. This represents a phenomenal success given the current economic climate and the emphasis

on the capital campaign which brought in about \$3.5 million in cash gifts during the past 12 months. We are truly blessed by our friends and our community. Bishop Kelly Principal, Mr. Bob Wehde thanked the auction committee on behalf of the students he “has the pleasure of working with every day.”

The success of the reverse auction will continue to underwrite recent growth of the financial aid offerings. Our ability to help students attend Bishop Kelly is growing through a combination of programs. They include the Carley Scholar program, The Laura Moore Cunningham Scholar program, the Parents as Partners Program, the growth in the corpus of our named scholarship funds, the annual Bishop Kelly Foundation grant to the school, and the reverse auction.

We urge you to help us get the message out to our community and parishes. We need families to know there is hope for their children to share in the Bishop Kelly experience through your generosity, and we can help them make this dream possible where some financial help is needed. What better time than now, in this season of hope, to be able to send such a message.

**Thank you for all you do for  
Bishop Kelly and our students.  
You have made it a very  
Merry Christmas!  
God Bless**

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