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Dear Fr. Silva Foundation Supporters,

The 2018-19 School years marks the 70th year that St. Stanislaus Catholic School has been open. This new school year also marks my 3rd year as the principal of this school and I feel so blessed to be in this position. The last two years as principal has taught me so much about myself as a leader and brought me to a deeper understanding and appreciation for Catholic School.

When I began work at St. Stanislaus, I knew Catholic education is a blessing to our families and a powerful ministry to the Catholic Church; I feel more convicted about this now. Parents face so many challenges in this world that often contradict the teaching of Christ and our church and the school is a place of safety and truth which seeks to partner with them in raising future leaders, young people who seek to be "faith filled people, life long learners, responsible citizens and effective communicators." With this in mind, our school leadership and faculty has continued to seek ways to make Catholic Education available to all families who seek it.

In the meantime, we continue to improve opportunities for our current students. Over the last two years, we have been able to enhance student learning opportunities by adding to our number of student chrome books, adopting more effective reading and writing curriculum and implementing adaptive technology. More importantly, our teachers have worked hard to learn how to use the new technology and curriculum. Beyond that, all the faculty and staff has sought to become more knowledgeable in the Catholic faith and grow as spiritual leaders.

As a principal, I have continued to collaborate with our various committees to enact improvements to our facilities, marketing, technology and overall well-being of our school. This collaboration serves to ensure the viability of our school. All this progress, enhancements and engagement would not be possible without supporters like the Fr. Silva Education Foundation. Along with the tuition assistance which helps families in needs, this past year the Fr. Silva Foundation has helped in the following ways:

- Contributing to the safety of our school by making possible the purchase of an entry gate, cameras and windows which provide further security to our students and staff.
- Enhancing learning opportunities by providing moneys which help us our chase adaptive technology focused on STEM education, reading and math practice and writing programs which help teachers reach individual student goals.
- Continue to provide for the improvement of our facility by helping us purchase a new fence for the preschool, bark for our playgrounds, new chairs for our library and play equipment for PE and recess.

There are still many goals to meet and improvements to make. We have high hopes and trust that the Lord will continue to lead our school in preparing future leaders for our church and our world. With the support of the Fr. Silva Foundation, we will continue to seek our goals and do the necessary work.

From our school families, administration and staff– a great, big thank you to the Fr. Silva Foundation's board members and all the supporters of the foundation. Please keep our school in your prayers and we will continue to pray for you!

Blessings,

Mercedes Hollcraft

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MEET FATHER MARION KORZENIOWSKI

Father Marion came to St. Stanislaus in September 2016, and on May 31st he celebrated 33 years as a priest! Prior to coming to St. Stanislaus he had been serving as a military chaplain in various locations including Calgary, Edmonton, Yellow Knife and Halifax. Father Marion was born in Radom, Poland about an hour away from Warsaw, and raised on the family farm with his parents, grandparents, and brother. Father Marion excelled as both a student and an athlete. Because of his high marks he was offered the opportunity to finish his last four years of seminary school at St. Anthony Seminary in Albany, New York. Along with his other duties, Father loves to visit the school and finds the students engaging and well disciplined. His hobbies include flower and vegetable gardening as well as tennis. He said he could not have asked for a better pastor in Father Ramon! We are so happy to have Father Marion with us at St. Stanislaus!



WELCOME

Meet our new board members! From left to right, Chris Hancock, Rebecca Hoy, Carla Wagner, and Walter Nicholau.



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: CHRIS FAGUNDES

Chris Fagundes has been a member with the Father Silva Foundation for 11 years, taking the place of his father on the board. Chris and his wife Debra were married at St. Stanislaus Church 26 years ago by Father Silva. His two daughters, Wesley and Bailey, both attended St. Stanislaus School and Central Catholic High School. Chris became involved with the school years before having his children attend St. Stanislaus. He continues to be active in St. Stanislaus Parish with not only Father Silva Foundation but the Knights of Columbus as well. He is a charter member and served as a Grand Knight for Knights of Columbus. Chris feels blessed to have been able to be as close to Father Silva as he was. He has fond memories of Father Silva coming into the school and having so much love for the children. We as a board are very thankful for Chris and his compassion and dedication to our foundation and Parish.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL TRADITIONS



Portuguese bread distribution started with Father Silva giving the children bread at special occasions. He would have them come up to the altar after mass and get their sweet treat! The Clarot family carries on this tradition in honor of Father Silva on the first day of school by distributing Portuguese bread to the students of St. Stanislaus School.

OKTOBERFEST

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday October 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm
St. Stanislaus Community Center
1416 Maze Blvd. Modesto, CA



This year all proceeds will help support St. Stanislaus School, facility and safety improvements, books and education, and tuition assistance to families in need.

**Beer & Wine Tasting
German Food
Silent Auction**

\$35 tickets in advance / \$45 at the door

The Father Silva Foundation is seeking auction items and sponsorships. A \$300 sponsorship will include 2 event tickets and a \$500 sponsorship will include 4 tickets!

We raised over \$17,000 at last year's event. We need your help to make this year an even bigger success! Your donation is greatly appreciated by all students, staff, and parents.

To purchase tickets you can visit our website:
<http://frsilvafoundation.org>

In 2017-2018 the Father Silva Foundation provided \$23,000 in tuition assistance, facility and safety improvements, books, and technology for the students at St. Stanislaus School. The Foundation is overjoyed with your support making Catholic education more affordable.

TEACHER HIGHLIGHT

Father Silva Foundation would like to thank Carolyn Raspo for her service at St. Stanislaus School. Mrs. Raspo has been a teacher at St. Stanislaus for 13 years teaching middle school. She has led the 8th graders on their annual Washington D.C trip for 10 years! Mrs. Raspo has been involved with coaching volleyball and softball and leading girl scouts throughout her years as a teacher and a parent. Mrs. Raspo has had all three of her girls, Nina, Anna, and Tessa, graduate from St. Stanislaus School and all continued on at Central Catholic High School. We are so Blessed to have you at St. Stanislaus, Thank you!



Check out our new website at:
<http://frsilvafoundation.org>

We are excited to be able to better communicate with our school families, parishioners, and supporters!

You will be able to donate, purchase tickets for Oktoberfest and stay up to date with the foundation at frsilvafoundation.org



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8TH GRADE WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

St. Stanislaus Catholic School 8th graders visited Philadelphia, Gettysburg, Washington DC, Jamestown & Williamsburg on their annual History trip back east. Highlights include visits to the Holocaust Museum, the National Shrine, the Capitol, and Independence Hall. The trip reinforces the 8th grade curriculum covering U.S. History and government.

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