

COLLEGE SCHOOL



Dear Friends and Families of Holy Name of Mary College School,

It is a privilege to witness the transformative power of an all-girls' education at Holy Name of Mary College School, and it is with sincere gratitude that we share our 2016 - 2017 accomplishments through the accompanying edition of the Annual Report. I am proud to be part of a school that teaches and empowers the girls of today to become the next generation of confident women leaders, who live their lives with a strong moral compass and with integrity of character.

Loyal donors are the foundation of our success and your gifts are used to enrich the student experience, enhance our facilities and programmes, and ensure that an HNMCS education is accessible to deserving students.

It is through the generous contributions of our Annual Giving supporters that we are able to expand new learning opportunities that focus on 21st Century competencies, while enhancing our technology, updating our facility and assembling the finest resources for school curriculum, arts and athletic programmes.

Thank you for your constant generosity and support and for building a legacy.

With sincere gratitude,

Marilena Tesoro

Holy Name of Mary was founded by the Felician Sisters in 1964 and quickly established a reputation for academic excellence and commitment to social action and service. In September 2008, Holy Name of Mary began a momentous new chapter as Holy Name of Mary College School, an independent Catholic school for girls, with the collaboration of the Basilian Fathers at St. Michael's College School of Toronto. The school's mission is to provide young women the highest quality of education with a moral grounding in the Catholic faith, its traditions and worldview in order to enable them to realize their full potential as influential leaders of faith and community, through the Core Values of:



Reverence and respect for and commitment to promoting and protecting the dignity of person



Forging right relationships, recreating a sustainable environment, and promoting the common good... all in the pursuit of peace



Exhibiting empathic consciousness toward others expressed in caring service



Encouraging an open mind and heart to lead to the continuous improvement of the person and ministry



"A community spirit does not just happen of itself. It flows from people who share a common tradition and strive for a common goal outside of themselves."

-Blessed Mary Angela - Foundress, Felician Sisters



Each year, our passion for teaching is inspired by the bright and curious minds of our students. It is their desire for only the best education that drives our staff to create a student-centric curriculum to encourage and motivate these young girls to achieve their academic and extra-curricular goals.

Through the continuous support of our remarkable community, we have been able to advance and improve the school annually. We are proud of our recent graduates who have attained high levels of learning as a Schulich Leader Nominee, Rotman School of Business (President's Scholars of Excellence), Chancellor Scholarship, IVEY School of Business, and LLB, University of Sussex, UK. HNMCS graduates have successfully transitioned to prestigious universities all around the world pursuing a diverse range of passions in their chosen fields.

HNMCS is committed to delivering a quality education that provides for boundless opportunities.

It is our goal to provide an open and educational environment where girls can grow into young women as they are encouraged to discover their passion, achieve their dreams and find their life purpose, while being transformed by God's gift to reach out beyond themselves and touch the lives of others. We are proud to be a part of their educational journey throughout their formative years and strive to provide only the best in education to support our students and to continually provide them with new possibilities.

#### THE MICHAEL FAMILY

How quickly 8 years have passed at Holy Name of Mary College School. We had been on a search for a school that shared our values, a school that would be Christ-centered and help us raise compassionate, confident, hard working and faithful children who would help make the world a better place. God led us here and we found a nurturing school for all three of our daughters as well as a place for our son to complete high school at St. Michael's College School and continue on to medical school.

HNMCS was small then but it was filled with energy, passion, hope and a wonderful sense of community. Thankfully, these features remain for they help make this school unique and so essential for girl's learning.

"I am very thankful to have attended HNMCS, where I gained a strong foundation for university, explored my interests in the classroom and co-curriculars, and was supported by the dedicated faculty. Uniquely, HNMCS is rooted in faith, and provides facets for community outreach and personal growth. I made lifelong friends, and valued the opportunities to become a confident leader. I was well-prepared for university, and am blessed to currently be studying medicine."

# Faith Michael '14

These have been very busy and fruitful years of growth for the school and our children thanks to passionate leadership and dedicated teachers who know how girls learn best, a wealth of service and leadership opportunities and numerous avenues for self-exploration and development. Our daughters have not been afraid to try new things at HNMCS. They have explored journalism, participated in Duke of Ed, witnessed cutting edge medical work at the UHN, taken part in theatre productions, helped produce the Yearbook, worked behind the scenes in many areas, relished the time at Wanakita, dabbled in the fine arts, enjoyed fun and educational school trips and had numerous opportunities to give back to the less fortunate. Their lives are richer for having been at HNMCS. They are more sensitive to the needs of others and are willing and able to serve. They strive for excellence in all they do. HNMCS plays a key role in helping girls become inspiring role models.

This year marks the end of secondary schooling for our family and we give thanks for this special place. It speaks volumes that should we be suddenly taken back 8 years, we would make the same decision to educate our daughters here at HNMCS. All girls schooling at HNMCS has played an integral role in our daughter's growing into confident young women who are ready to take on leadership roles in their private and academic lives. All girls schooling at HNMCS has nurtured the individuality of our daughters, they are so comfortable being themselves.

"Holy Name has provided me with a wide variety of unforgettable leadership opportunities. Attending ALIVE leadership camps and filling leadership positions within the HNMCS community have helped me enhance my time management and communication skills, and learn to set goals, take initiative and collaborate with others to make a difference."

## Gabrielle Michael '18

All girls schooling at HNMCS helped our two eldest daughters excel at McMaster University where they confidently take on new challenges in the health science area of study. Known to be a male dominated profession, we have every confidence that the foundation they received at HNMCS will help them shine.

The fact that Faith was accepted at McMaster Medical school after her third year, and Hope is doing so well in her third year, highlights the high academic caliber at HNMCS. Our last daughter, Gabrielle has developed so many interests and talents that it is difficult to decide what she will study, but we know she too will excel thanks to her years at HNMCS. We give thanks that God is within the walls of this school and in the hearts of the leadership and teachers. May He grow and bless this school so that it continues to nurture confident and caring young women who face the future with faith and purpose.

Thank you for your support,

Moheb and Wendy Michael

"HNMCS nurtured my passion for the sciences through dedicated teachers and extraordinary experiences, and provided the perfect environment for focused learning and preparation for university."

Hope Michael '5

ANDREA GIAMPUZZI '13 McMaster University -Bachelor of Civil Engineering

"I strongly believe HNMCS played an essential role in not only my post secondary education in Civil Engineering, but also in my development as a young woman."





"Holy Name of Mary gave everyone boundless opportunities to pursue their interests. When you are able to do that, standing out as a leader is natural."

ALEX ROMANSKI '15 Queen's University -Bachelor of Science

"Incredible. I would never have had such an experience anywhere else and I will forever treasure my time at HNMCS."





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Loyal donors are the foundation of our success and your gifts are used to enrich the student experience, enhance our facilities and programmes, and ensure that an HNMCS education is accessible to bright, deserving students.

Your gift plays a significant role in shaping a learning environment that inspires brilliance and will propel us forward towards growing limitless possibilities for young women.

Help us ensure the ongoing excellence of our school with your gift to our Annual Giving Campaign.



PLEASE SUPPORT US

With your generous contribution to our Annual Giving Campaign, our school can continue to grow and flourish. HNMCS is proud to be a place where young women are inspired to achieve their personal best. In order to be able to maintain this optimal educational environment, we must continue to grow and continually modernize our methods of teaching. It is through your support that each student will benefit by our ability to broaden the breadth of her experiences and will be inspired in her own creativity, leadership and teamwork today and into the future.



Our aim this year is to raise \$125,000 from our school community. Every gift regardless of the size makes a positive impact. Please consider a one-time gift, a monthly donation, or a multi-year pledge.

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#### HEAD OF SCHOOL INITIATIVES

This initiative is targeted at enhancing our focus on providing support for teachers and student learning. As new learning, training and curriculum initiatives are identified, our Head of School can accelerate the l earning experience at HNMCS with more focused resources and funding. These programmes and development opportunities will be aligned with the strategic plan for the school and include areas such as technology, arts, music, teaching, learning skills development, athletics, and leadership.

#### STUDENT FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP FUND

As we see students graduate from HNMCS, we know the opportunity to attend HNMCS has given these young women a strong educational experience. We believe the opportunity to attend HNMCS should be available to more young women. Members of our school community have also identify the need to support those who could not otherwise attend the school. A larger endowment is critical to making HNMCS a competitive and sustainable choice among Toronto and the GTA's many independent schools. Currently HNMCS provides financial aid to approximately 10% of our student body. Our ambition is to grow that number over the next five years to 20%. Generous contributions to the scholarship and bursary funds help attract strong motivated students to our school and extend the experience to those who could not otherwise benefit. Engaging the broader community in this way is a key element of our core values and mission.



#### INFRASTRUCTURE & BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

As our school grows so do our infrastructure, building, and facility needs. Many of the enhancements already in place were donated to the school through families and friends of the school community and we thank them for their significant contributions. In the near future, we hope to continue with more improvements and accelerate the evolution of our facility. Targeted areas include new classroom and common area furniture, refurbishment of the school gym and change room areas, classroom window replacement, washroom upgrades, running track installation, and tennis court resurfacing. Your support will help us accelerate our plans in these areas and help us improve the overall learning environment for our students. **YES!** I/My family will participate in HNMCS's Annual Giving Campaign

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