



## Foundation Grows, Nears \$3 Million

As the country moves toward presidential elections and our economy rebounds, the *Central Washington Catholic Foundation* continues its phenomenal growth. This growth has largely been possible because of the great dedication of our donors and the hard work of the Foundation's Board of Trustees. These lay men and women, along with area priests and the Bishop, have skillfully guided this expansion.

To further enhance our Foundation's work in the Catholic community, the Board at their March meeting decided to discontinue the area thank-you dinners. The Board chose to replace them with an awards dinner featuring a national Catholic speaker. This new annual celebration will start in 2005.

Thank you for your continued support of our Catholic community in Central Washington.



Rev. Samuel P. Bellino, S.J.,  
Executive Director.

### Catholic Students Learn In Many Ways



**Inside this issue:** The Principal of Christ the King Parish School reflects on nearly fifty years of Catholic education in Richland.

## La Fundación Crece Hacia los \$3 Millones

Mientras que el país se mueve hacia las elecciones presidenciales y nuestra economía repunta, la *Fundación Católica del Centro de Washington* continua su crecimiento fenomenal. Esto ha sido posible en gran parte debido a la gran dedicación de nuestros donantes y el trabajo duro de la Mesa Directiva de la Fundación. Estos hombres y mujeres laicos, junto con sacerdotes de la zona y el Obispo, han guiado habilidosamente esta expansión.

Para realzar en adelante el trabajo de nuestra Fundación en la comunidad Católica, la Mesa Directiva en su junta en marzo decidió dejar de hacer las cenas de agradecimiento. La Mesa decidió reemplazarlas con una cena de premiación que incluirá un orador católico nacional. Esta nueva celebración anual comenzará en el 2005.

Gracias por su apoyo continuo de nuestra comunidad Católica en el Centro de Washington.





Christ the King 7th grade students miming the Stations of the Cross.

# Christ the King Parish School Educates Richland's Children

By  
**Mrs. Mary Snitily,**  
**Principal**

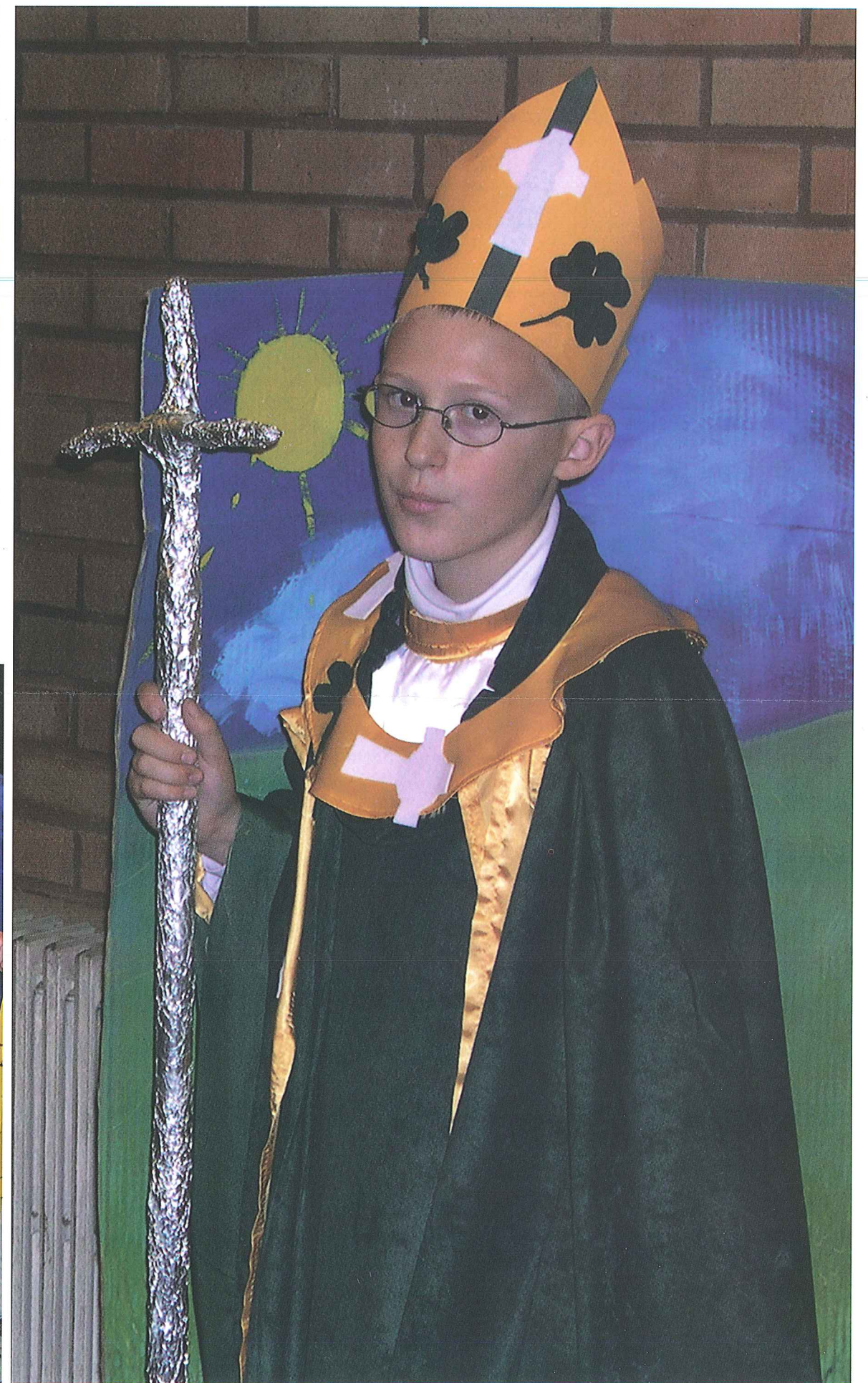
For nearly fifty years the halls of Christ the King School have echoed with the joyful chatter of children. As we draw close to our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary (dedication of the building was October, 1955), we are anxious to reconnect with all the families who have been a part of our history. Some will remember attending school before the building was even completed. Some will remember classrooms filled with more than 50 students. Some will remember when all teachers were nuns and the then pastor, Fr. Sweeney, distributed each and every report card.

Many will be surprised at the changes that have occurred at Christ the King. The school now serves 465 children in kindergarten through eighth grade with two classes for each grade. There are no longer any nuns teaching here, but the faculty of thirty teachers is both dedicated and qualified. Many of them hold Master's degrees and they average over 10 years of teaching experience. We have a full day kindergarten which offers a rich developmental and academic program. Students in all grades receive instruction in music, art, and P.E. The curriculum is also enriched with instruction in Spanish, computer technology, video editing, hands-on science instruction and rigorous expectations in all academic areas. We are very proud of our new Orchestra which has performed throughout the Tri-Cities, including for the Mid





Eighth graders practice for the Sausage Fest chicken dance competition.



Right: Jack Kaiser, 5th grader, portrays St. Patrick.

Below: Nick Somers, 8th grader, works on the school's annual food drive.

**Photographs by  
Benjamin Harlow, Asst. Principal**

Columbia Symphony. Our math teams always bring home honors from regional and state competitions, and each student completes high school level Algebra before graduating from Christ the King School.

The building has changed too. With the help of our supporters and a recent grant we were able to equip the school for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We have computers in each classroom and internet access throughout the building. Teachers are equipped and trained to instruct students with the aid and the responsible use of technology.

I am proud to say the unique Catholic tradition of our school has not changed. Each student receives instruction in the Catholic faith and its values are woven throughout the curriculum. Students plan and lead every school liturgy. They also take on community service projects with their class each year culminating in the 10,000 can food drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society sponsored by the eighth graders.

Another aspect of Christ the King School that remains the same is the family tradition that exists here. Many of our former C.K parents return annually for Grandparent's Day. We are happy to see the next generation of parishioners learning and growing in a Christ-centered school.

If you or someone you know has been a part of our history, we would love to hear from you. You can contact us by writing to [ckschool@ckparish.org](mailto:ckschool@ckparish.org). As always we are grateful to all of you who have supported Christ the King School throughout the years with your time, your talent and your treasure. With your help we will continue to offer a Christ-centered Catholic education to many more children.

*Mary Snitily has had a long history with Christ the King School in Richland. Though she has been the school principal for only four years, Mrs. Snitily's family have been parishioners since 1978. Her children went through the school and she taught there for many years before becoming principal. She writes weekly letters to her students' parents. Christ the King School receives about \$40,000 a year from the Msgr. William J. Sweeney Educational Fund, our Foundation's largest fund.*





# Central Washington Catholic Foundation

Investment Quarter Ending March 31, 2004

## Education Funds

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Amos & Elsie Gamache           | \$ 136,147 |
| Mary Ellen Chott-Mahre         | 34,533     |
| Mark L. Kranz                  | 22,551     |
| Msgr. William J. Sweeney       | 858,385    |
| St. Joseph School, Kennewick   | 115,048    |
| St. Joseph School, Wenatchee   | 120,961    |
| St. Paul Cathedral School      | 155,148    |
| St. Rose of Lima School        | 103,277    |
| William A. & Mary M. Hambelton | 28,257     |
| William L. & Mary A. Tyrrell   | 177,430    |

CWCF Funds Under \$22,000 \$ 45,440

## Parish Funds

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Holy Family                | \$ 189,936 |
| Poulin Holy Family         | 125,214    |
| Rosa, Lena, Louisa Orlando | 158,442    |
| St. Joseph Yakima          | 109,131    |
| St. Paul Cathedral         | 58,587     |

## Seminarian Funds

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Bittner Burse           | \$ 125,855 |
| Edmond & Blanche Poulin | 121,954    |
| Thomas & Nancy Mahony   | 128,184    |
| Robert G. Geier         | 65,274     |
| Seminarian Education    | 39,533     |

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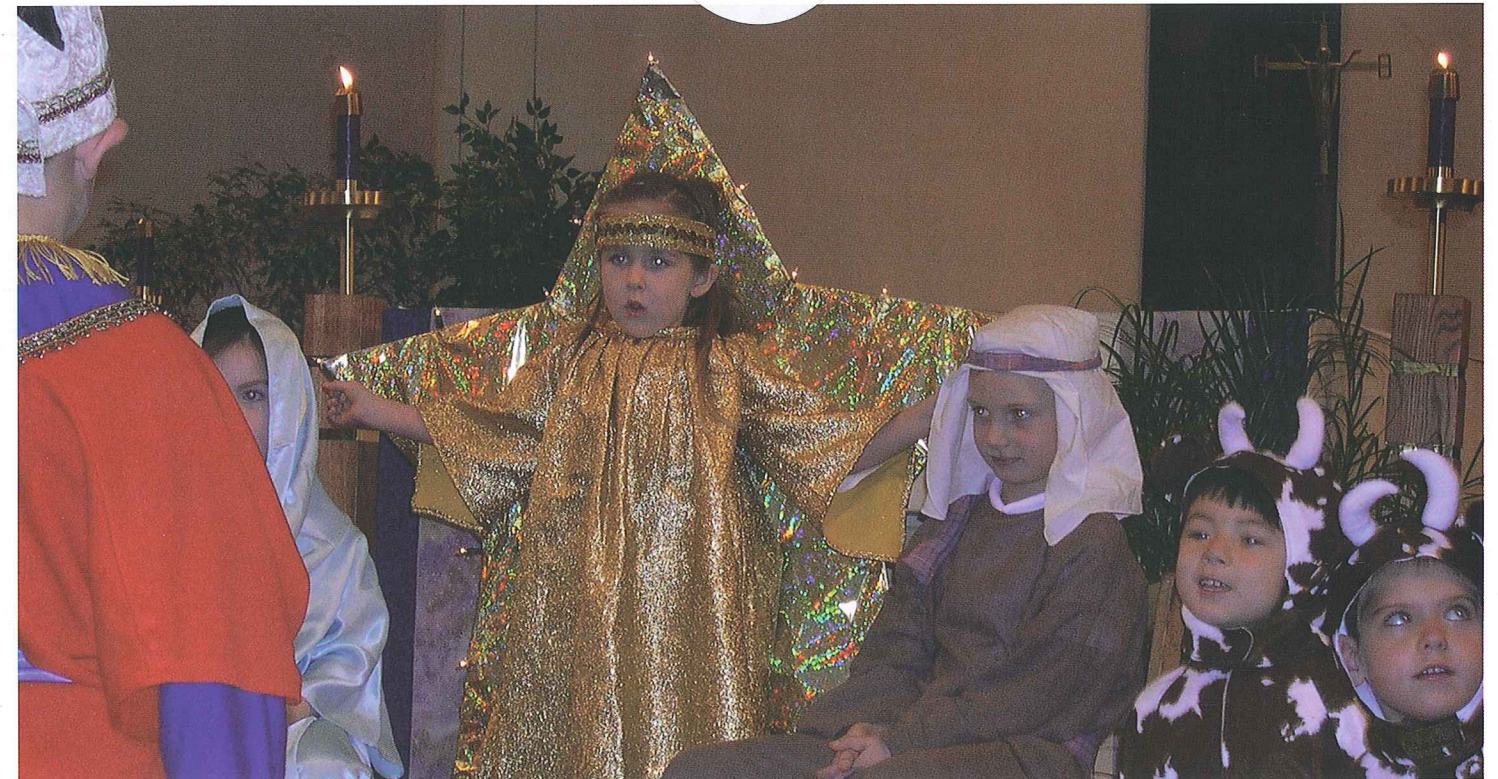
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(January 1, 2004 to March 31, 2004)

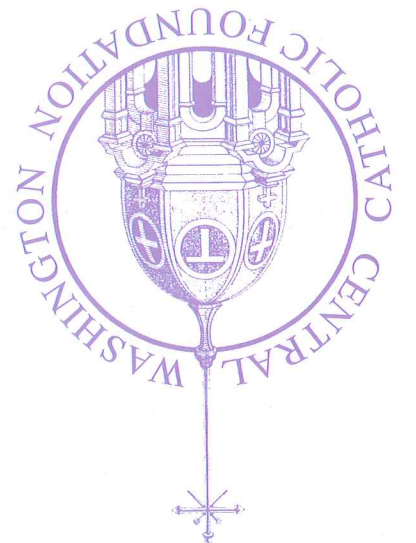
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Christ the King Parish School kindergarten students perform in a school pageant. Catholic education in Central Washington receives the largest portion of *Central Washington Catholic Foundation* funds.



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