

# FSA Newsletter

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## From the Administrator

The importance of FSA to St. Agatha School cannot be understated. FSA's singular mission is to provide ongoing financial assistance to the school, be it for tuition assistance for families who could not otherwise afford a quality Catholic education, or for critical operational expenses that provide the foundation for such education.

Over the past 12 months, the FSA Board of Trustees has labored to increase the awareness of FSA's mission and importance to the financial well-being of the school. To that end, there is progress to report. As a result of FSA's January 2011 letter appeal, FSA doubled the amount of contributions it receives each month from individuals and families; FSA provided a \$10,000 match for the capital appeal at the 2011 school auction (which resulted in \$20,000 to the school); and FSA held its inaugural golf scramble in May to rave reviews.

But we're just getting started. This fall, FSA will be kicking off its Planned Giving Campaign to make the St. Agatha community aware of options available for leaving a lasting legacy to the School. In January 2012, FSA will conduct its annual appeal for monthly contributors. On May 18, 2012, FSA will once again be teeing up the St. Agatha Golf Scramble.

Plain and simple, FSA would not exist without the support of its contributors. Over the course of the last 30 years, hundreds of individuals and families have contributed to FSA – some have done so regularly since its inception in 1981. To those FSA supporters – both past and present – we thank you. You've helped countless students to date and generations to come.

Dan Gilroy (class of 1977)  
 Administrator  
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## 2011 FSA Annual Appeal Benefits School

In January, FSA conducted the first in what will become an annual appeal for monthly contributors. As a result of the appeal, FSA doubled the amount of contributions it receives monthly from parishioners, school parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends. Monthly contributions are critical to the financial well-being of St. Agatha School. These contributions, in tandem with regular disbursements from the Wizer and Tennant Funds within the FSA Trust, provide the funds necessary to make the quality Catholic education at St. Agatha School accessible to all.



*Tournament attendees (from left): Former Portland Trailblazer Jerome Kersey, Kevin Lough, Dan Gilroy, and Fr. Nathan Zodrow.*

## St. Agatha Golf Scramble A Great Success

Over 100 parishioners, school parents, alumni and other friends gathered at Stone Creek Golf Club in May for the first annual St. Agatha Golf Scramble, a golf tournament to support the Friends of St. Agatha. The 18 holes of golf, fun and fellowship were followed by a dinner reception, raffle and clubhouse trophy presentation. A certain tradition for years to come, players and sponsors gave the St. Agatha Golf Scramble rave reviews. Next year's tournament is scheduled for May 18, 2012. FSA expects the field to be filled well in advance, so reserve your foursome at your first opportunity. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Send an email to [golf@friendsofstagatha.org](mailto:golf@friendsofstagatha.org) to request more information.

## Formal Trust Review Completed

This year, FSA contracted Gary McGee & Co, LLP, a highly regarded accounting firm specializing in non-profits, to conduct a formal review of the Trust. The effort focused on FSA's practices and procedures, the Trust's assets and investments, and FSA's relationship to the parish and school. The Board of Trustees was pleased to have confirmed that many of the processes and policies instituted by the Board over the past 18 months have helped establish a solid footing for the Trust's future operation. FSA has further adopted select procedural and operational changes recommended by Gary McGee & Co. that will ensure that the Friends of St. Agatha Trust remains wholly abiding to the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act.

### About FSA

*The Friends of St. Agatha is governed by a legal trust document and guided by an Administrator and five-member Board of Trustees.*

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