



Donated school supplies delivered to two Catholic Schools

St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center Fills the Bin with School Supplies

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In an effort to help children at two Catholic Schools prepare for their new school year, St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center fills a large storage bin with school supplies collected from the community.

On Wednesday, August 5th, CEO Jerry Del Core and Nicole Zamora, Director of Community Outreach delivered the donated items and checks to the Principals at both St. Patrick Academy and St. Charles Borromeo Parish School.

“In these days of where the news is filled with images of conflict, controversy and human suffering, an unexpected gesture of generosity and support has filled me with tremendous hope. Over the past two weeks St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center sponsored a fundraiser and school supplies collection event for our school. Today, a check and the supplies were delivered. And this gesture was overwhelming, not just for sheer volume of materials, but for the very thoughtfulness and energy given for the sake of our students. Thank YOU for being the wind beneath our wings!” shared, Antoinette Perez, Principal of St. Charles Borromeo School.

“At St. Patrick Academy, we are a humble community and very appreciative of the outpouring of support for our children and our families. It is gifts like these that make a difference in our student's lives and demonstrate that we are all one in the eyes of God, especially in these trying times. Again, with a grateful heart, thank you from the St. Patrick Academy family” said, Leslie Lastra, Principal of St. Patrick Academy.

St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center staff collected the goods from Friday, July 24th until Saturday August 1st in the parking lot of the cemetery. “The best part was welcoming all the donors and seeing their joy even through their masks,” expressed, Kimberly Mai, Apprentice Embalmer, who worked the bin on its final day, Saturday, Aug. 1st. “It was wonderful seeing people young and old donate to help the kids, it was great, even a Priest stopped by to make a donation,” said Andria Phillips, Transportation Assistant after working the event on Saturday, Aug. 1st.

St. Patrick Academy, a culturally diverse diocesan regional school, serves students in the South Sacramento area and the surrounding communities. The ministry of the Academy is threefold: to provide a positive, Christ-centered, 21st century learning experience through excellence in academics; to be attentive to all aspects of the individual child's development; and to provide students with the tools to be self-motivated critical thinkers. The modeling and practice of moral and ethical values, coupled with the teachings of our Catholic faith, further empower our students to meet all future challenges. Aiding parents in their responsibility as the primary educators of their children, the Academy strives to

honor and celebrate our ethnic and spiritual diversity while preparing our students to be bearers of compassion, respect and knowledge to the larger world.

As a ministry of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, St. Charles Borromeo School affirms the fundamental dignity of all people through a comprehensive academic program grounded in the faith and morals of Catholic doctrine. As a school family in partnership with parents and guardians, we integrate the gospel message of Jesus Christ into all aspects of school life, and thus empower our students to enter the world with the tools needed for success. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a special aspect of our school heritage that comes to us from our founders, Monsignor James Poole and the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Center is a full service provider of End of Life in the Diocese of Sacramento. We offer mortuary services, funeral, cremation and cemetery.

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Diane Gordon and Father Guillermo "Memo" Hernandez



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