

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The success of Nativity rests on donors who believe in the value of investing in the education of inner city youth. Help our students reach their potential and fulfill their dreams.

Sponsor a Student

For a week	\$ 300
For a month	\$ 1,000
For the after school program	\$ 2,500
For the academic program	\$ 5,000
For the entire year	\$10,000

Sponsor an Intern Teacher

A designated gift to this program helps us afford the invaluable resources provided by our full time Americorp intern teachers who are recent college graduates. A gift of \$1,000 pays for a month of their service.

Support our Summer Program

This three week program provides academic continuity for our students during the summer as well as enrichment activities, leadership training and an eight day overnight experience at Camp Asbury. A donation of \$1,000 sponsors a student for the entire program or a \$500 donation covers the cost of the overnight experience.

General Gift

A gift to the general fund allows us to use your donation in an area most in need.

Nativity is a United Way Designated Agency

You can help support our mission through a designation of all or part of your gift to the United Way to Nativity Preparatory Academy, **donor option #2510.**

If you are interested in supporting our efforts, please contact us by phone (585-271-1630) or learn more by visiting our website at www.nativityrochester.org.



This new school is one of over 64 schools in the NativityMiguel network of schools across the country

Nativity Preparatory Academy offers students

- A Catholic middle school education for 5th through 8th grade students from low-income families
- Small class sizes with an emphasis on individual learning
- Separate classes for boys and girls
- Extended day, Saturday classes and a summer program
- An education that reinforces faith and values
- Minimal tuition
- A curriculum and learning environment designed to prepare students for success at the high school and college level

This new school is sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph and McQuaid Jesuit



Breaking the cycle

of poverty

through education...

one student at a time



**A Catholic Middle School for
5th through 8th grade students**

15 Whalin Street, Rochester, NY 14620
The former site of St. Boniface School

NATIVITY PREPARATORY ACADEMY is a new middle school targeting low income children in the City of Rochester based on a unique and proven educational model that has been used extensively across the country with remarkable success.

OUR MISSION

Nativity Preparatory Academy is a Catholic middle school designed for self-motivated, economically disadvantaged students whose potential for academic success has been compromised by negative social and economic factors affecting them and their families.

Our graduates will leave Nativity Prep well equipped to handle a demanding college preparatory high school curriculum coupled with a strong sense of spirituality, morality and personal responsibility.

THE NATIVITY SCHOOL MODEL

The Nativity school movement began over 40 years ago with the goal of providing a quality education, integrated with personal, moral and spiritual development, for students of low-income urban families who would not otherwise have access to such an education. Today there are 64 schools across the country. Over 85% of the students who enter the NativityMiguel program end up graduating. Of these, over 85% go on to graduate from high school. Among the high school graduates, 70% enroll in a two or four-year college. They continue their success there as well.



SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Students and their parents or guardians are required to be fully committed to the educational program at Nativity. Students are expected to accept responsibility for their actions, pursue academic challenges with enthusiasm, and show kindness and respect for others at all times. Parents or guardians are expected to support the rules and expectations of the school at home, ensure the child attends all school programs as well as actively participate in the school itself. They will be expected to attend all parent/teacher meetings, assist in maintaining school facilities and help attend various educational workshops.

ADMISSION AND TUITION POLICIES

The process for admission to Nativity includes:

- 1) Completion of an application by the parent or guardian which includes an essay by the student on why they wish to attend the school
- 2) Completion of an entrance exam
- 3) Personal interviews
- 4) Teacher recommendation and a valid transcript
- 5) Material to document financial need

At Nativity, the majority of the student's tuition is provided by individual donors. This is a gift of education to the student that needs to be appreciated and recognized. Parents are asked to provide a small portion of the cost of educating their child, ranging from \$350 to \$850 per year, based on their ability to pay.

OUR CURRENT STUDENTS

In our third year, Nativity is blessed to have a very diversified group of 44 students, including African Americans, Hispanics, Caucasians, immigrant families from Turkey, Nepal and Somalia as well as a student from Vietnam. Over 90% of our families are at or below the poverty line. We will continue to add students each year targeting a long term middle school (grades 5 through 8) enrollment of 80 to 90 students.

THE SCHOOL SCHEDULE

One of the important aspects of a Nativity education is the extensive individual learning process that it provides each student. The typical day runs from 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and includes academic classes, afternoon sports and fine arts activities, study hall sessions with individual tutoring, and three meals. This equates to over 550 additional program hours each year than inner city public schools.

Students are also required to attend Saturday sessions for enrichment activities and field trips, as well as a three week summer program during the month of July that combines academics with leadership exercises and typical camp activities.

This intensive program is geared to accelerate students' academic progress as well as promote their social development, physical well-being and the understanding of themselves and their ability to work with others.

OUR FACULTY AND STAFF

One mission drives the Nativity faculty and staff: to prepare their students intellectually, morally and spiritually for high school and, ultimately, college.

The faculty is comprised of experienced master teachers with expertise in both their subject matter as well as inner-city education. Full-time intern Americorp teachers who commit up to two years to the school add to the learning environment as well as oversee the after-school programs, tutoring sessions and Saturday activities. This leads to a seven to one student-faculty ratio.

