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Upcoming Events:
Annual Fund Kick Off Event
Columbus Day Breakfast,
Archbishops' Saint Patrick's
Day Breakfast

TENTH ANNUAL BREAKFAST HUGE SUCCESS!

"Order in the Court!" were the first words spoken by Admiral William J. Fallon USN Ret. speaking to approximately 1,000 supporters who attended the Archbishop's 10th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Breakfast on March 17, 2010.



L-R Dennis House, Kara Sundlun, Mike Long & Laura F. Baldini

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our Presenting Sponsors: Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, USA Hauling & Recycling, VERTEX, Inc. and Webster Bank whose sponsorship helped to make this year's Breakfast such a success!



L-R: Governor M. Jodi Rell, Archbishop Henry J. Mansell-Chairman, FACS Board of Trustees & Admiral Fallon



L-R: Mike Herlihy, Laura Baldini-FACS President, Robert Edmunds, Maureen E. Kerrigan-Vice President & Chair of the Breakfast & Brian Bowerman

THANK YOU KIND FRIEND!

We have wonderful news to report. The Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools is pleased to announce the receipt of two generous gifts from an anonymous donor totaling \$200,000. The gifts, one received in October 2009 and the other in April 2010, were facilitated by Reid & Riege, PC, a Hartford, Connecticut law firm. FACS has also been the fortunate recipient of this anonymous donor's generosity in the form of other gifts received throughout its 27 year history.

"The Anonymous Donor has been a "true friend", not only to the Foundation, but also to the many students who are the beneficiaries of these generous gifts", said Cynthia Basil Howard, Director of Development of FACS. "These gifts enable our Foundation to make a profound difference in the lives of many families who want to give their children the gift of a Catholic education, an education that teaches values and respect. We are most grateful for our donor's kindness and we say thank you from the bottom of our hearts".



L-R: Kelly Cusson, Dr. Rick Araya, Paul and Dolores Cusson

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It is the mission of the Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools (FACS) to support and assist the parish schools and the Archdiocesan high schools by providing funding for scholarships and special projects. The Foundation believes that Catholic schools provide students with an "education for a lifetime", especially the poor and underserved children and youth of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

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Archbishop's Annual Columbus Day Breakfast Helps Students in Greater New Haven schools

We are once again preparing for our next Columbus Day Breakfast which will be held on Friday, October 8, 2010 at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven. The proceeds from this Breakfast will benefit the students attending the Catholic elementary schools in the greater New Haven area. Please enjoy some of the pictures from our last Breakfast!



Top: Peter C. Alegi, Guest Speaker, who came in from Rome. Left: Maureen Kerrigan addresses students and guests.



THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

Principal Donna Binkoski, Father Ford and students of St. Mary School, Branford prepare for the morning program.



Father Roman Kmiec and guests enjoy the Breakfast!



Matt Byrne, Director of Finance, Archdiocese of Hartford visits with Father Thomas Shepard.

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Ralph Waldo Emerson



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Would you be able to make a gift to help us build our endowment, add to an existing scholarship fund or start your own?

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THANK YOU.



FACS PROFILES

These people are Superstars!



Northwest Catholic High School Football player number 55, Chris Knight, (far right) warms up with teammates and coaching staff prior to the Football Championship State Class S game



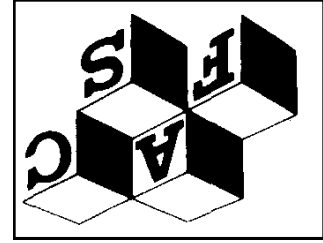
FACS Trustees Douglas Coté (left) and Manuel Astiasaran (right) make a difference in the lives of students. Here they watch the Championship game with Yannick Chevannes



Chris Knight in State Class S Championships at Northwest Catholic

Chris Knight, who graduated in June 2010 from Northwest Catholic High School, received a four year academic scholarship from the Hartford Inner-City Scholarship Fund, one of the funds in the FACS portfolio. He is shown warming up (top photo) prior to game day on December 5, 2009. Joshua Reese, Director of Athletics Northwest Catholic, and Coach Michael Tyler were proud of their football team’s persistence and determination to make the State Class S Championships for the first time. Mentor and FACS Trustee Doug Coté said, “Chris Knight was in the state Championships for Track as well. Chris is a superstar! This is a success story that has even astounded me!” .

The cold and blustery winter day was a challenge for the fans as well as the players. Freshman, Yannick Chevannes, who is also a recipient of a four year Hartford Inner-City Scholarship, braved the elements to cheer his classmate with FACS Trustees Manny Astiasaran and Doug Coté. We are grateful for all the good work that Doug and Manny do for these students and our Foundation. They make room in their lives to mentor students, making a positive difference in this world. Thank you, Doug and Manny for your unselfish efforts!



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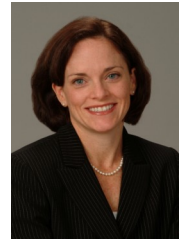
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**WE SAY THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES
TO JUDGE LAURA FLYNN BALDINI**



We must say farewell to our beloved immediate Past President **Laura Flynn Baldini. Esq.**, who has recently been sworn in as a **State of Connecticut Superior Court Judge**. The call from **Governor M. Jodi Rell** came a few months ago and Laura Baldini readily answered. As we are sad to see her leave her post at the helm of our Foundation, we know that the State of Connecticut is lucky to have her in the ranks of “superior” Superior Court Judges. Although Judge Baldini is unable to remain as a FACS Trustee, we know that she will remain a friend of FACS. We wish her the best in her new position. Congratulations **Judge Baldini!**



We also happily congratulate **Maureen E. Kerrigan**, AWM, Vice President and Financial Consultant at RBC Wealth Management in her new role as the Foundation’s Interim President. Maureen’s talents are numerous which she so willingly shares with us and her commitment to FACS is unwavering. WE THANK YOU,
MAUREEN!