



Dominican Sisters
VISION OF HOPE

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Giving
Matters

Save the Date!

Friday, November 21, 2025

**Vision of Hope Fall Luncheon
Jonathan Club, Los Angeles**

**Guest Speaker
Bishop Matthew G. Elshoff, OFM Cap.**



Thirty years ago, our eight Vision of Hope schools were vulnerable—some even at risk of closure. In the summer of 1995, at the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose General Chapter, a bold idea was proposed. Sister Karen Elizabeth Zavitz, O.P., still recalls the incredible energy in the room: “Every Sister, almost as one, raised their green cards indicating their unanimous and enthusiastic support (some cheering occurred) of the proposal that later became the Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope. It truly was a ‘sea of green’ and the birth of a dream!”

Sister John Martin Fixa O.P., our first Executive Director, took that dream and led a powerful “friend-raising” effort to build the endowment that still sustains us today. Because of this strong beginning and continued support from our Vision of Hope family, we’ve reached remarkable milestones. Since 1995, more than 75,000 students have received a quality Catholic education through our schools. Nearly \$25 million in tuition assistance has been awarded, with an additional \$3 million in scholarships earned.

Together, we’re making a difference. We are excited to continue this journey with you and look forward to another thirty years of transforming lives through education.

With gratitude,

Nicole Johnson

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Executive Director, Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope



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We've updated our logo
this year in celebration of
our 30th anniversary.



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School Matters

Summer 2025



St. Frances X. Cabrini School 2025 Graduates

Vision of Hope Students will Attend the Following High Schools in 2025 (a partial list)

Northern California

Archbishop Riordan High School
Cristo Rey De La Salle
Holy Names High School
ICA Cristo Rey Academy
Mercy High School
Nativity High School
Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory
Saint Joseph Notre Dame High School
Salesian College Preparatory

Southern California

Bishop Conaty – Our Lady of Loretto
Bishop Montgomery High School
Bishop Mora Salesian High School
Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary
Cathedral High School
Flintridge Sacred Heart
Junipero Serra High School
Loyola High School
Ramona Convent Secondary School
Sacred Heart High School
Saint Joseph High School
San Gabriel Mission High School
Verbum Dei Jesuit High School

High School Bound!

Congratulations to our Vision of Hope eighth-graders who have been working hard and earning partial and, in some cases, full scholarships at top-tier Catholic high schools in Los Angeles and the Bay Area. Tuition assistance from Vision of Hope is critical to student success in the underserved areas where our schools are located. Alex Endo, Principal at St. James School, states, “Vision of Hope continues to bring hope to the dreams of our families that their children learn in a safe and loving environment within a community rooted in faith.”

Our eight Vision of Hope schools strive to provide students with a quality Catholic education. Results from a study at Loyola Marymount University School of Education are encouraging. According to Shane P. Martin, former dean and professor for the LMU School of Education, “Students attending Catholic schools in inner-city neighborhoods are completing a rigorous curriculum, outperforming their peers on national standardized tests, graduating from high school in exceptional numbers and going on to college at a very successful rate.” It appears that with continued financial support, and the academic rigor, moral and spiritual development which Catholic High Schools provide, our Vision of Hope students are well-positioned for success in high school and beyond.



If you have not yet had the opportunity to give this year, we ask that you please consider a donation before our fiscal year ends on July 31st. Your gift enables our schools to continue providing a quality, affordable and life-changing Catholic education in communities where it matters most.

Scan the QR code or visit www.visionofhope.org to make your gift!

Loretta Holstein and Ann Magovern Honored for Social Justice Leadership

Two dear friends to Vision of Hope were honored on May 8th by Ignatian Solidarity Network (ISN) at an inspiring ceremony held at the University of San Francisco. This year's Father Charlie Currie S.J. ISN Animator Awards were presented to Loretta Holstein and Ann Magovern.

Created specifically to recognize individuals who have significantly contributed to ISN's evolution over its 20-year history, the award celebrates individuals who have significantly contributed to ISN's development into a leading national faith-based social justice organization.

Loretta and her husband, Bob, launched the beginnings of the organization in 1995, calling it the "Teach In." Ten years later it became the Ignatian Solidarity Network. Fast forward twenty years and Bob's original dream of commitment to helping those less fortunate, with Loretta's unwavering support, is stronger than ever.



Prior to her tenure as the (retired) Executive Director of Vision of Hope, Ann Magovern served as ISN's Executive Director from 2006-2011. During this formational period under Ann's leadership, ISN's mission became more defined and programming deepened its roots in the Jesuit network of schools.

Please join us in celebrating Ann and Loretta for their deep devotion to social justice and communities in need, beyond Vision of Hope! Their leadership in this endeavor is both inspiring and deserving of recognition.

IT'S A GRAND SLAM!

Day with the Giants is a Win for Our Schools



Our inaugural *Day with the Giants* event, held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, was a tremendous success! With nearly 150 friends, family, students, and Dominican Sisters in attendance, we collectively raised more than \$100,000 for much-needed tuition assistance, supporting our eight Vision of Hope Schools.

Our guests enjoyed a visit from the Giant's lucky mascot, Lou Seal, a GIANT cash raffle, silent auction, hot dogs, candy, and drinks. We couldn't have asked for a better sunny day as we were then escorted across the field to our seats before cheering along to a Grand Slam that brought the Giants to a 6-3 victory over the Colorado Rockies. The energy and excitement that filled the day have sparked what most certainly looks like a new Vision of Hope Bay Area tradition.

Thank you to our generous guests and event sponsors for their ongoing support of our mission, which ensures equitable access to a Catholic education for our students in underserved communities.

We look forward to seeing you at our next Vision of Hope fundraiser, our Fall Luncheon at the Jonathan Club in Los Angeles, on Friday, November 21, 2025!

Nourishing Hearts, One Caregiver at a Time



Sister Cecilia Canales, O.P., leads a faith formation workshop for parents and caregivers at St. Ignatius of Loyola School

Parenting classes, workshops, and faith formation activities offered at St. Ignatius of Loyola School through the PiA Program have significantly empowered caregivers, nurturing both their skills and spirit. While learning opportunities have strengthened parenting strategies and leadership confidence, spiritual gatherings led by Sister Cecilia Canales, O.P., have nourished parents' hearts, offering a renewed sense of hope and optimism. Together, these experiences have

inspired caregivers to collaborate and take on more active roles, such as serving on the school's PTO and various parish groups. With a more profound understanding of child development and school dynamics, and with faith as their foundation, parents and caregivers are more engaged and proactive in driving meaningful change. Their collective involvement continues to uplift St. Ignatius of Loyola School, promoting a culture of shared purpose and growth.



"We witnessed a grand slam on and off the field during our Day with the Giants! Our time together spurred many wins for Vision of Hope. I'm confident new friendships were formed, old friendships were forged, tuition assistance was strengthened, and memories were made."

—Carol Gabrielli, Vision of Hope Board of Directors

Loretta Coolidge, Carol Gabrielli, and Vicki Reitenauer