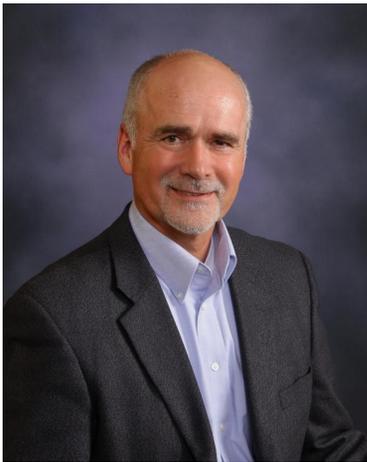




## Light of Christ Catholic Schools

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### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE #4: Your Campaign Committee



Vern Dosch

Vern Dosch serves as Campaign Committee Chair and is NISC's president and chief executive officer. A life-long resident of Bismarck-Mandan, Vern resides in Bismarck with his wife, Lynne. Vern and Lynne have three grown children: Zachary (Skylar), Brittany (Jesse) and Jordan and three grandchildren.

Vern says he is involved in the Light of Christ Catholic Schools capital campaign because he believes in and has personally experienced the value of Catholic education.

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Gerald Vetter

Gerald Vetter has been involved in Catholic education his entire adult life and is completing his 27th year serving Catholic education. The past 25 years in Bismarck, he has been a teacher, coach, administrator and now president of Light of Christ Catholic Schools. Gerald and his wife Michelle have two children and are blessed to call Bismarck their home.

"I am a product of Catholic education, a graduate from Emmons Central Catholic High School in 1985 and am personally grateful to the teachers and religious leaders that provided me with a quality education while experiencing the power of the sacraments. The legacy of Catholic education in Bismarck since 1878 is an amazing gift that must be preserved for generations to follow. I am proud of the academic and moral formation that exists in our schools and we want to continue to build upon that legacy."



## John Richter

John Richter is the Project/Facility Manager for Light of Christ Catholic Schools. His volunteer activities also include Knights of Columbus and participating in his parish as minister of hospitality and Eucharistic minister. John is married to Sandy and they have six children: Jayden-25, Josstyn-23, Jamison-19, Kielly-17, Jaxyn-11, Joryn-9.

John is involved because the unity of Catholic faith and excellent education is very important to him.



## Father Jared Johnson

Father Jared Johnson is chair of the Prayer Committee. He currently serves as Chaplain/Instructor at SMCHS and Associate Pastor at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

Father Jared states this reason for being involved, "We are in the midst of an extremely exciting time in the history of our Catholic Schools in the Bismarck area and it is both a great privilege and responsibility to assist in keeping the promise to our future students and families."



## Mike Weisbeck

Mike Weisbeck is involved with the committee as the Director of Finance & Operations for Light of Christ Catholic Schools. He and his wife, Brianna, have a two-month old daughter, Gemma. Mike states his reason for being involved with Light of Christ stems from being an alumna. He feels strongly about the invaluable role our Catholic Schools play in the formation of our youth and the strengthening of the Church.

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## Mike Schmitz

Mike Schmitz is chair of the Alumni committee and is the stockholder/partner manager of Widmer Roel PC's Bismarck and Hazen offices. As a partner/shareholder, Mike provides audit, accounting, consulting, tax and financial planning services to a wide range of clients. He and his wife, Janel, have three boys who are graduates of St. Mary's: Jason (30), David (26) and Darius (21). Mike is involved because he wants to help provide an excellence faith based learning environment to the next several generations of students.

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## Janel Schmitz

Janel Schmitz serves as Communications Chair for the campaign. She is employed as the Communications & Marketing Manager at Bank of North Dakota. She is married to Mike who serves as Alumni chair. Janel states she is involved because, "Light of Christ has been family to our family with our three sons successfully launching into adulthood from 1025 North Second Street in the past 15 years. It is exciting to be a part of updating current schools and building a new school for the next generations."

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## Toby Schweitzer

Toby Schweitzer is the Major Gift Officer & Events Coordinator. He is a consultant with Outback Management services and is the Defensive Coordinator for the SMCHS Football Program. His volunteer activities include being a Eucharistic Minister, Minister of Hospitality and Knights of Columbus. Toby is married to Cathleen (Sullivan) Schweitzer, SMCHS Class of 1985. They have four daughters: Alexi, SMCHS class of 2013 & currently a junior at University of Mary, Lindsey, a senior at SMCHS, Hallie, 8th grade at the Academy and Sommer, 4th grade at Cathedral Elementary. Toby shares his reason for being involved, "For 43 years I have been involved in one way or another with Catholic education in Bismarck, starting out as a ball boy in

football to a student, then a teacher and coach. Catholic schools have been the root of any success I have had and it has become my passion to see it continue for many generations."

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## Zachary Dosch

Zachary Dosch is the Corporate Campaign Chair & Financing Consortium Manager. He is the Assistant Vice President of Business Banking at Bremer Bank. Zachary is married to Skylar and they have one daughter, Quinn. He is involved with the campaign because he believes that the most effective way to positively influence the future is to provide education and opportunities for those people that will be the heart and soul of this community for decades to come.

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## Jane Hepper

Jane Hepper is the chairperson of the Community Recognition committee for the campaign. Jane has two children, Meg who is 13 years old and a seventh grader at the Academy and Emma, 17, a junior at SMCHS. Jane has ranched for 20 years in the Fort Yates area. Jane says she is involved because she loves Catholic education and has observed firsthand how Light of Christ impacts children growing in their faith.

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## Brett Gendreau

Brett Gendreau is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Light of Christ Capital Campaign. He is a business owner in Bismarck. He and his wife Susan have four children, Jessica, Madison, Taylor and Cole. Brett shares that he is involved because his children were blessed to attend St. Mary's Central High School. He continues, "It is hard to put into words what that experience has meant to them in their lives. All I know is that I want everyone to have that same opportunity."



## Matt Puetz

Matt Puetz is the Special Projects Chair for the capital campaign. He works as an independent financial advisor and is a volunteer football coach for the Light of Christ Academy. Matt is married to Mary who graduated from St. Mary's in 1982, and they have three children: Katie who graduated in 2012, Matthew who graduated in 2014 and Connor who is an 8th grader in the Light of Christ Academy. Matt gives this reason for being involved: "This school system is a giant part of my life, my wife's life, our families' lives. It has always been a special place for my family and I am compelled to make it special for those to come."



## Tim McCaffrey

Tim McCaffrey serves as Director of Mission Advancement for Light of Christ Catholic Schools. In addition, he serves as the Campaign Administrator. Tim relocated to Bismarck from Yankton, SD about nine months ago. He is going into his 10th year of development and mission advancement for the Catholic Church and Catholic education. Tim and his wife Emilee have seven children (Liam and Aidan twin 13 year olds, Ella - 9, Timmy - 8, Evynn - 5, Garfield - 4, and Emelia - 2), four of whom are currently attending Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Elementary.

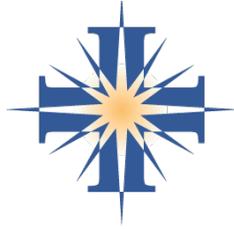
Tim and Emilee have been married for almost 15 years. Their family has settled in nicely in Bismarck and already love living here. Their decision to move to Bismarck was motivated by the strong Catholic faith community and an excellent Catholic school system for their kids.

Tim has a passion for Catholic education and was immediately excited about joining a community and team of people who are living and working for Jesus Christ and his Church. He is most excited about the tremendous growth of Light of Christ Schools and being a part of a building project and capital campaign that will set a new vision and standard for Pre-K thru 12 Catholic education in the region and around the country.

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We invite you to share these updates with your friends and family and submit the names of friends/family that would like to receive these updates directly.

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## **CAMPAIGN PRAYER**

**God our Father,  
Who sent to us Christ as our Light in the darkness,  
send again, we beg you,  
the Light of Christ to guide this great work  
so that we may keep our promise to the next generation.**

**May we allow His Light to fill the souls of our children and students with  
virtue,  
the minds of our parents and teachers with wisdom,  
and the hearts of our friends and benefactors with generosity.**

**Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
may our Catholic Schools be a sanctuary of love  
shining with the Light of Christ.**

**Amen**

Imprimatur  
Bishop David D. Kagan

After saying this campaign prayer, please also pray a Hail Mary.

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