



HISTORY & RATIONALE

The Marian Alliance refers to three Catholic schools in the heart of Santa Ana, California. St Joseph, St. Anne, and School of Our Lady have a long history of service to students dating back well before the founding of the Diocese of Orange.

During the 1990s and early 2000s, all of these schools suffered significant enrollment losses. Changing neighborhood demographics reduced the number of families who could afford Catholic school tuition, and the schools themselves struggled with aging facilities and reduced programs. Concern over the viability and long-term prospects for these schools further caused some parents to keep their students from these schools.

In 2011, in a concerted effort to preserve these necessary and historic schools, the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) from the University of Notre Dame was invited to assess programs and functions and to make recommendations regarding the future viability of the three schools. Based on their report, an idea of an alliance evolved. The concept included maintaining individual campuses, names, and parish as well as neighborhood identities, but sharing resources and working together to strengthen all three.

To support this new vision, the University of Notre Dame provided support through the ACE Service Through Teaching Program and the ACE Latino Enrollment Initiative. Major maintenance and upgrades for each of the three sites was provided through the generosity of a major donor.

The Diocesan Office of Catholic schools provided greater financial support and greater financial oversight to the Marian Alliance schools, working to implement sound financial practices at all sites.

To provide the highest level of academic support, the Orange Catholic Foundation, through its technology fund, provided the support to launch a 1:1 technology program at all three schools.

For the 2014-15 school year, the school alliance deepened in adopting of a single tuition structure for all three schools and providing diocesan oversight to the tuition assistance process to make sure that parents would receive the same rate and assistance at whichever school they choose. For the 2015-16 school year, the three schools will be merged into a single budget for comparison and information. In 2016-17 the schools will run as a single financial entity.

In 2014, two events were held to raise funds but also to raise awareness of the Marian Alliance Schools. Serra Catholic School held a fund raising luncheon in support of the Marian Alliance Schools' tuition assistance as well as their own tuition assistance funds. Later in the spring, the Orange Catholic Foundation held another fund-raising and identity awareness event. The Serra Catholic School event is now established as a yearly fund raiser for the Alliance

In 2014 the Center for Catholic Education at Loyola Marymount University was commissioned to run a multi-year study focusing on the efficacy for students of the Marian Alliance Schools. This study is still in progress.

In 2014-15, under the initiative of Sister Theresa Lynch and with the support of Mater Dei High School and other benefactors, the three schools launched the Marian Alliance band, comprised of about 90 students coming from all three campuses.





THE NEED

IMMEDIATE

To ensure that we have the resources to recruit more students and to retain the families who have already made a commitment to Catholic education for their children, we will need to raise \$300,000 in new tuition assistance funds at each of the three Marian Alliance schools.

LONG-TERM

To ensure that students who enroll and qualify for tuition assistance in one year can be assured of continuing at their school until they matriculate to high school, we are working to establish and build a permanent endowment fund to support our Marian Alliance schools. The endowment fund will be in honor of Bishop Kevin W. Vann to recognize his commitment to Catholic education in the Diocese of Orange. Our initial goal is to raise \$10,000,000 for this fund. Achieving this goal would support 200 students with tuition assistance grants of \$2,500 every school year (50% of the current tuition level of \$5,000 for the 2015-2016 school year).

HOW TO HELP

The Orange Catholic Foundation provides ways for you to financially support our Marian Alliance schools and our students according to your intentions. You may wish to provide tuition assistance gifts on an annual basis to one or more schools where need is greatest or to help support the Marian Alliance Endowment Fund in honor of Bishop Kevin W. Vann to help sustain our schools now and in the future. You may also wish to consider establishing a named endowment fund in memory or in honor of a loved one to support tuition assistance at one or more schools in our diocese.

FAST FACTS ABOUT THE MARIAN ALLIANCE SCHOOLS

ST. ANNE SCHOOL

Preschool - Grade 8 enrollment	200 Students (13 over the prior year)
Catholic Enrollment	100%
Ethnicity	96% Latino 4% other

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Paying Full	61
Receiving less than 50% Tuition Assistance:	95
Receiving more than 50% Tuition Assistance	44

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Transitional Kindergarten through Grade 8 enrollment	195 Students (35 over the prior year)
Catholic Enrollment	100%
Ethnicity	81% Latino 19% other

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Paying Full	46
Receiving less than 50% Tuition Assistance:	75
Receiving more than 50% Tuition Assistance	74

SCHOOL OF OUR LADY

Transitional Kindergarten through Grade 8 enrollment	211 Students (13 over the prior year)
Catholic Enrollment	100%
Ethnicity	98% Latino 2% other

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Paying Full	15
Receiving less than 50% Tuition Assistance:	33
Receiving more than 50% Tuition Assistance	163

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"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:10



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