



# Angelus Academy

## Annual Report 2022-2023



# Honoring Members of Our School Community: 2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS

## THE ST. JOHN BOSCO AWARD

### Sheila Bruen



Mrs. Sheila Bruen has joyfully served Angelus Academy since 2005 as a school parent, a teacher, and a staff member. As the longtime P.E. teacher, Sheila has enthusiastically supported students to do their best—especially when confronted with new challenges. At the front desk, she provides a warm welcome to school families and visitors while attentively caring for the various needs of students and colleagues. A graduate of Troy University in Alabama and a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army, Sheila and her husband, Tom, have a son, Daniel, who attended Angelus Academy. We were honored to present the 2023 St. John Bosco Award to Sheila for her loving dedication to our school!

## THE ST. JOSEPH'S HAMMER AWARD

### Joe Cautero

Mr. Joe Cautero and his family have been part of Angelus Academy since 2013. A pilot for Southwest Airlines, Joe has shared his knowledge and love of aviation with our fifth-grade students annually by teaching a multi-week, in-class, and interactive program as a special supplement to our science curriculum. Additionally, for many years, Joe led the school-grounds/landscaping-work efforts—especially during the summer months—by mowing, weeding, and doing any other project(s) that needed to be done. His gentle and calm St. Joseph-like interactions with our students, teachers, and staff are noticeable and always appreciated. We were honored to present the 2023 St. Joseph's Award to Joe Cautero for his service to our school!



# Mission and Philosophy

In union with the parents, who are the primary educators of the child, and in loyalty to the Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church, Angelus Academy is committed to transmitting the rich and time-tested traditions of the Catholic faith and culture in a familial atmosphere characterized by mutual respect and generosity of spirit.

Commending ourselves to the patronage and prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Incarnate Love and St. Gabriel, Angel of the Incarnation, we invoke the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we seek to cultivate in every child:

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## Personal integrity and moral courage

A foundation for personal integrity and moral courage by encouraging personal prayer and devotion to Christ, to His sacraments and to His saints as winsome and compelling embodiments of Christian virtue;

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## Reverence for the sanctity of human life

A reverence for the sanctity of human life and regard for the dignity of every person, expressed in empathy and respect for one's fellows and compassion for all who suffer;

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## Loyalty to the family and the Church

Loyalty to the family and the Church, and love of country, expressed in obedience to competent authority and a willingness to make personal sacrifices for the common good;

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## Creative imagination

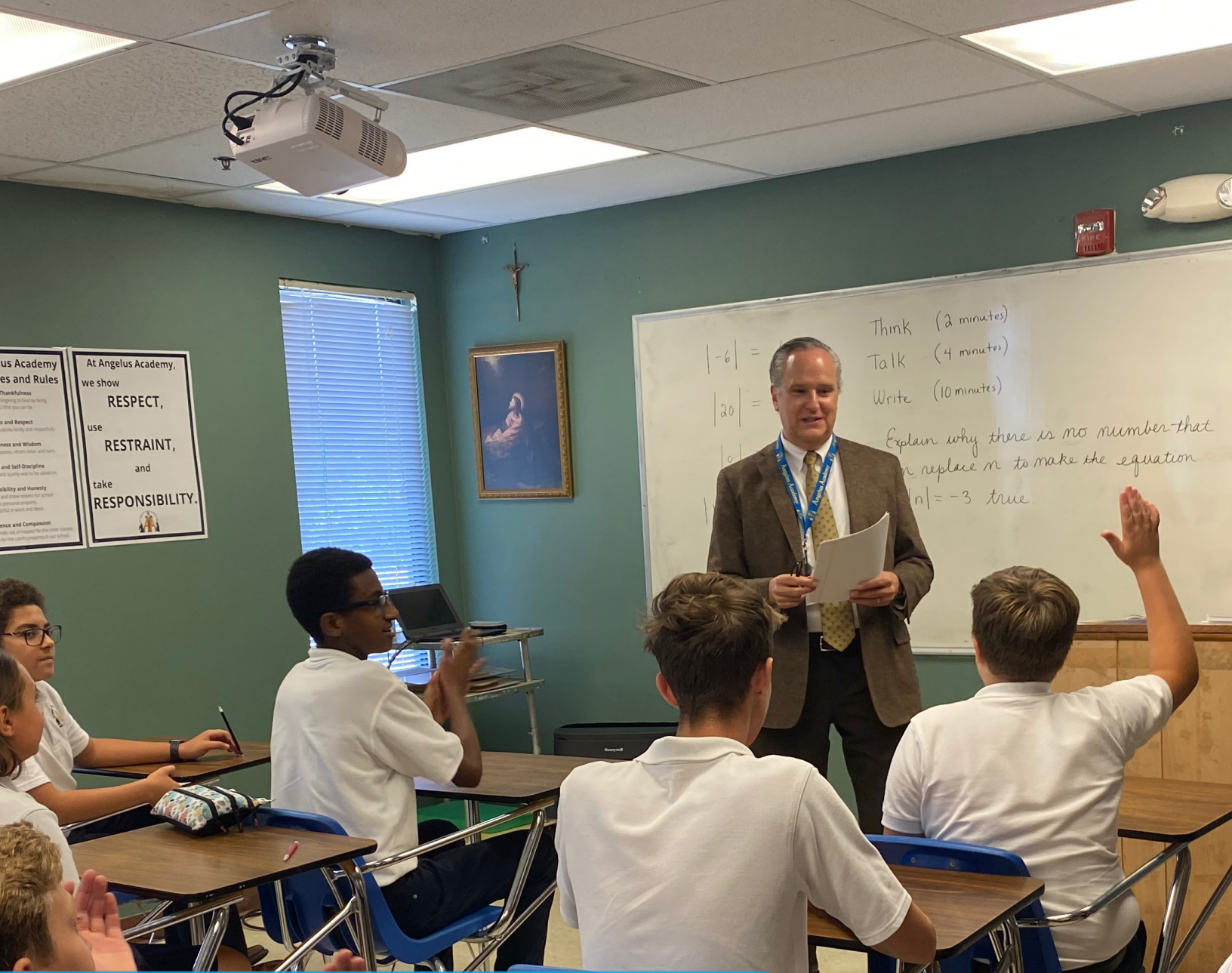
A taste for excellence and a love for what is lasting and authentically beautiful in all aspects of human culture as the basis for the wholesome development of the creative imagination; and

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## Intellectual formation

A broad and rigorous intellectual formation through the training of the faculty of reason and a disciplined quest for the truth in every area of life.

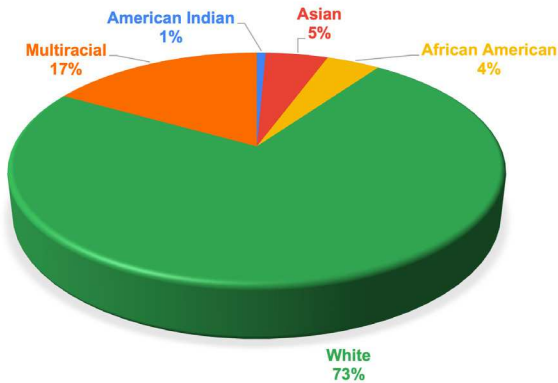
To these ends, Angelus Academy employs teachers who recognize that no testimony is more eloquent or convincing than personal witness, and are therefore committed to their own ongoing intellectual and spiritual formation.



Angelus Academy's challenging academic goals support our mission of spiritual and character formation. Graduates of Angelus Academy will be culturally literate, will understand their time and place in history, and most importantly, their own personal salvation. They will have the tools, skills, and perspective from their Catholic, classical liberal arts education to meet the challenges of God's future plans for them.

# Demographics for the 2022-2023 School Year

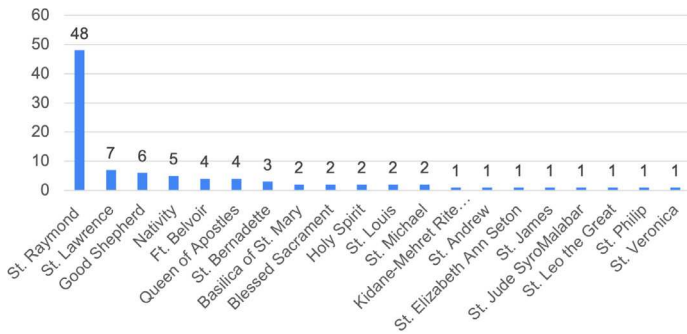
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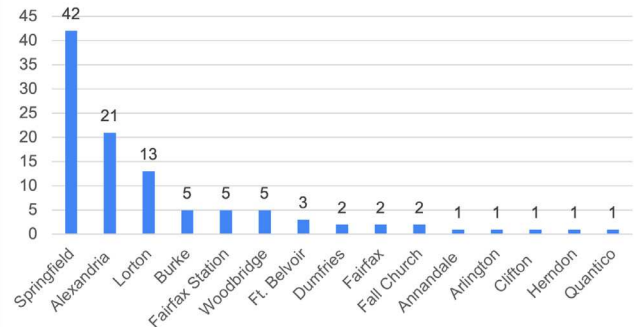
### Enrollment by Grade and Gender

Grade	Male	Female	Total
Pre-K	11	15	26
K	9	11	20
1	11	10	21
2	4	7	11
3	8	7	15
4	12	6	18
5	10	10	20
6	8	9	17
7	7	4	11
8	11	4	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>174</b>

### Number of Families per Parish



### Number of Families by City



# A Catholic Liberal Arts Education

At the heart of a successful school is an intellectually challenging and well-constructed liberal arts curriculum designed to “free” students from the bonds of ignorance, vice, and wiles of the world. (“Liberal” is from the Latin *liberare*, meaning “to free.”) At Angelus Academy, we draw upon the Catholic, classical tradition for our liberal arts curriculum, which focuses on integrated content, skill development, and pedagogy in support of our mission of intellectual and spiritual formation.

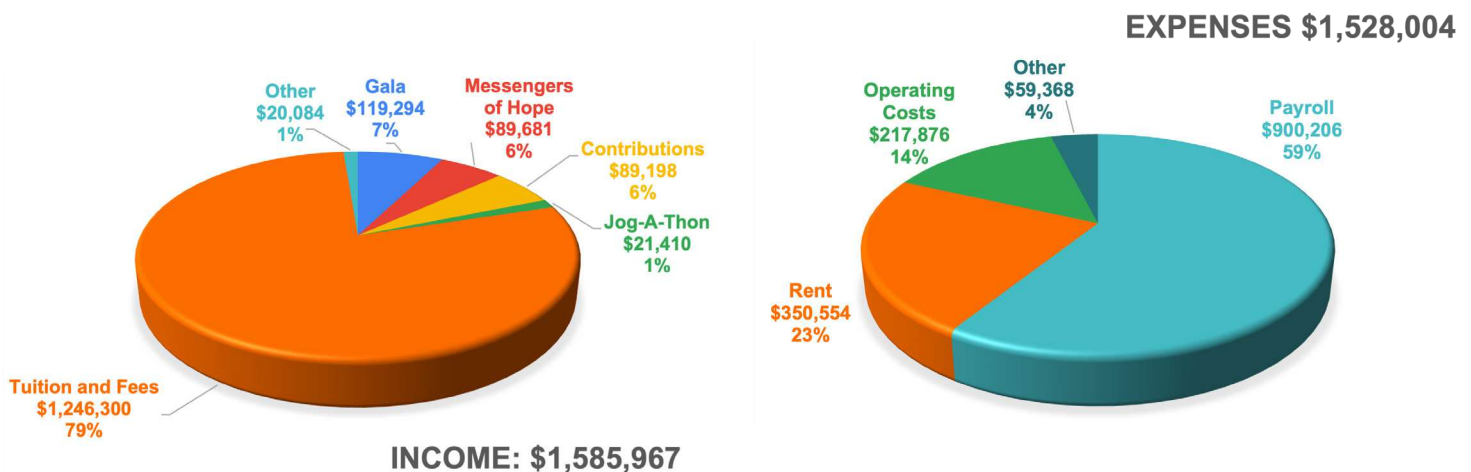
We aim to free our students...

...from ignorance and relativism, as we teach them to seek the **truth** in religion, math, science, history, and literature, and as we lead them to the Truth.

...from sin and moral relativism, as we provide them with examples of **goodness** and virtue, inspired by the lives of the saints, heroes, and heroines in history and literature, and embodied in the Good Shepherd and His teachings.

...from secular materialism and worldly distractions, as we immerse students in the **beauty** of nature, art, architecture, music, poetry, literature, and math, and draw their gaze toward God.

## Income and Functional Expenses for the 2022-2023 School Year



# What's New at Angelus Academy: REFURBISHING AND ENHANCING OUR OUTDOOR SPACE

With gratitude to the **WEISS FAMILY** for spearheading this special project, our exterior statue of the Blessed Mother was repainted and given a new location—with its own designated walkway and bench—near our flag poles. What a blessing it is to have Our Lady grace the front-entrance area of our school building!



Longtime science teacher **MRS. SUSAN HUNT** and our Middle School students have created and planted several gardens on the school grounds—one in the front of the school building and another alongside the upper parking lot. In science, our sixth graders learn about different types of plants as part of their nature-studies curriculum. They are primarily responsible for planting and taking care of the school gardens (although interested seventh and eighth graders are also welcome to help with the gardens' maintenance). In its inaugural year, our students successfully grew a variety of fruits and vegetables such as strawberries, tomatoes, broccoli, kale, romaine, beets, hot peppers, and pumpkins as well as basil, cilantro, garlic, rosemary, and zinnias. Building on the students' enthusiasm, Mrs. Hunt shared that plans are in the works to build an additional garden alongside the upper parking lot. We thank Mr. Joe Ammirati for constructing the first set of garden boxes and the school families who helped pull weeds and pick crops during the summer months!



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