



**JACKSON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
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## JACKSON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SECURES GIFT OF \$1,100,000

*Jackson, MI, May 6, 2021* - Lumen Christi School is overjoyed to announce the gift of \$1,100,000 from generous donor Donna Ambs. A substantial portion of this money will be used in the establishment of an endowed fund for Jackson Catholic Schools to attract and retain teachers across all four schools.

As a former Jackson Catholic School teacher, Donna was happy to give back to the very place that helped enrich her life for so many years. She believed the role of teacher was one of the noblest and most relevant professions in the world, and that it is vital that institutions like Jackson Catholic School be a welcome place for educators to build their careers and influence young lives.

A lifetime educator within the Jackson Catholic Schools, Donna was a 1958 graduate of St. Mary Star of the Sea, Jackson Community College, and Michigan State University. She then moved back to the area to become a high school business teacher. During her time as an educator, Donna was known for her refined disposition and high standards when it came to dress code, conduct, and personal standards with students. Her high

expectations of others was tempered by a great sense of humor, for which she was also fondly remembered. When it opened in the fall of 1968, Donna was among the founding group of teachers at Lumen Christi High school. There, she taught Shorthand, Secretarial Block, and Typing classes. Donna was extremely dedicated to the mission of both Lumen Christi and Jackson Catholic Schools, which she exemplified effortlessly throughout her career, until her retirement in 1997.

### **About Jackson Catholic Schools:**

The Jackson Catholic Schools is a formal district comprised of four Catholic schools (Lumen Christi Catholic School, St. Mary Star of the Sea Elementary, St. John the Evangelist Elementary, and Queen of the Miraculous Medal Elementary). This district is now working to further ignite Catholic education in the Jackson, MI area. Gifts such as this by Donna Ambs are crucial to our ability to accomplish our mission and continue to support family's desire to educate their children in a school that promotes Catholic learning and academic excellence.

**To learn more, visit our website: [jacksoncatholicschools.org](http://jacksoncatholicschools.org)**

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ST. JOHN SCHOOL



QUEEN of the MIRACULOUS  
MEDAL SCHOOL

