

Leo and Kay Morrison *Providing Opportunities for Students*

Leo and Kay Morrison appreciate the value of Catholic education. In 1952, Leo was in the second graduating class of Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School and Kay is a graduate of Monte Cassino School, a Catholic high school in Tulsa. The couple treasures their academic experience and they want to make the unique opportunity available for others. Through grants from their Advised Fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation to schools like Mount St. Mary Catholic High School in Oklahoma City, they are doing just that.

Leo and Kay are longtime members of Christ the King Roman Catholic Church in Oklahoma City and say the Oklahoma City Community Foundation offers everyone an opportunity to make a difference in their community. The couple established an Advised Fund in 2004. Since that time, the couple has consistently recommended grants to organizations that are important to them, such as Mount St. Mary Catholic High School.

“Mount St. Mary’s is an educational treasure in south Oklahoma City,” Leo says. “Located in one of the oldest sections of the city, Mount St. Mary’s has the unique opportunity to provide academic excellence to families living in the area.”

Mount St. Mary prides itself in providing a rigorous college preparatory education in a Catholic Christian environment. The school believes that service should be a way of life for its students and offers a community service learning program through which students volunteer for area charitable organizations. Principal Talita DeNegri says that by participating in these programs, students learn about their own capacity to make a difference as they connect with needs of the community.

This type of leadership and appreciation of service is what the Morrisons hope to share with others through their generous support. Grants from their Advised Fund will help the school purchase new technology equipment, as well as provide tuition assistance for students who might not otherwise be able to attend the school.

“Through the generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Morrison, Mount St. Mary is able to provide state-of-the-art technology to our students and teachers as well as increase our capability to offer a Catholic education through our tuition assistance program,” principal DeNegri says. “We are truly grateful for the Morrisons’ continued support as we strive each day to foster an environment of Mercy for our community.”

Kay and Leo Morrison, center, with principal Talita DeNegri are joined by Mount St. Mary Catholic High School students in front of the main entrance to the school.

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