



# QUEEN *of* PEACE HIGH SCHOOL

Unity and Harmony are Symbols of Queen of Peace



Dearest Alumnae,

For the past 54 years, the following expressions have branded our beloved Queen of Peace: Educating and Empowering Women of Peace; Women of Peace Lead; Women of Peace are Confident, Competent and Courageous; Women of Peace Live the Values of Truth, Compassion, Justice, Partnership and Community. These words are the foundation of a Queen of Peace education.

Today and everyday hereafter, Women of Peace all over the world will continue to educate, empower and lead and give back to their communities. I truly hope you continue to see the value of your Peace education in your life.

I am humbled by and grateful for the support that our Women of Peace have provided, not only during these last few weeks, but throughout my 22 years with the Peace community. I have been blessed to watch girls flourish at Queen of Peace. I also have had the privilege to see alumnae succeed in college, career and life as a result of their time here. I will always cherish the conversations and time I have spent with the amazing Women of Peace. Many alumnae acquaintances have grown into true friendships. Memories of these happy years will resonate forever in my heart.

Alumnae, your special memories are what will keep the Queen of Peace legacy alive. This past September, a 1966, First Woman of Peace shared at her reunion: *"I have Queen of Peace to thank for making me the person I am today."* A few weeks later, I receive an email from a 2000 alum who graduated 34 years later and she shared: *"Queen of Peace was the best years of my life. Thanks to QOP I am the woman I am today."*

I am writing to say thank you for the outpouring of compassion that our alumnae are showing to our school community. Thank you for sharing your testaments and gratitude for your education. All of your gifts and acts of kindness are greatly appreciated, and your appeals to help your Peace family are an inspiration. My response to all the alumnae who are asking me, "How can I help?" is this: if Queen of Peace holds a special place in your heart, please help a Peace student start anew.

Queen of Peace High School still has the responsibility as a private, nonprofit organization to secure donations. This is where you can help. Give to the Queen of Peace *Student Transition Fund* and help us fulfill financial promises that were made to our students and their families.

You will recall that we need to raise funds every year to help families offset their daughters' tuition and make a Catholic high school education affordable. We thoughtfully recognize that the closure of Queen of Peace High School has an impact on our families and, therefore, are managing a unique aggressive effort to assist in the transition of our students to their new schools in a dignified and thoughtful manner.

This is not an obligation but rather a mission-driven desire by the Administration, Board and Congregation to provide continued financial assistance. The *Queen of Peace Student Transition Fund* was created to raise additional funds, at this point in time, to ensure that our Queen of Peace Scholarship recipients continue to receive financial support until they graduate from high school. To this end, we need to raise multi-year funds at this single point in time.

All Queen of Peace Student Transition donations will be secured in a designated fund to be dispersed semi-annually, over the next three years, to the Catholic and private schools our young ladies will be attending.

If you have supported Peace students throughout the years, please consider one last gift; if you have always considered donating but it was never the right time, please reflect on helping a student today. Again, I state this is a “unique aggressive effort” to assist our girls to their new schools in a dignified and thoughtful manner.

I am asking you to help us reach our goal of \$300,000 by May 15, 2017. Out of our 15,000 alumnae, if 3,000 give \$100 each, we will have met our goal. While this may not be possible for you, a gift of any size will contribute to giving our current students the opportunities they *so deserve*.

**Women of Peace, I believe in you.**

Gratefully,



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Proud Peace Parent

So Hail To You, O Queen of Peace, Our Mother and Our School