

## **IN GRATITUDE...**

The Sisters of St. Ann continue to inspire and leave a legacy as leaders in our community. For the past 160 years, the Sisters have implemented, guided and supported education and health care in the region. Their spiritual and social leadership comes through in their love and commitment for people. Since their early days, the Sisters have advocated for accessible education. Their vision aligns with the Catholic Schools Plan developed in 2009. The Plan was a comprehensive review of the Greater Victoria Catholic schools, with the long-term goal of providing safe, affordable, accessible, and sustainable Catholic Education. The \$20 million Plan has seen the successful completion of an addition and seismic upgrades to St. Joseph's Elementary School as well as seismic upgrades to St. Patrick's Elementary School. The final stages of the plan consist of the renewal of and upgrades to St. Andrew's Regional High School.



Island Catholic Schools has received an incredibly generous donation from The Sisters of St. Ann towards the Catholic Schools Plan. Previously, the Sisters approved a \$4 million loan to Island Catholic Schools so the project could begin in 2012. The Sisters of St. Ann reviewed the loan with Island Catholic Schools in 2018 and decided to forgive \$2.5 million of the \$4 million loan. Island Catholic Schools would like to express extreme gratitude and thanks to The Sisters of St. Ann for this most generous donation. We are honoured to receive support from the Sisters as their legacy and values will be reflected in the future of Catholic Education in Victoria.