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St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy receives generous grant for Phase II of facilities plan

DOWNEY – Through the generosity of a grant by the John H. & Cynthia Lee Smet foundation and Shea Family Charities, St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy (PMA) has received funding to begin phase II of the Campus Master plan. The campus Master plan was completed in the spring of 2017. Phase I included the renovation of the campus residence, addition of the new softball field, main entrance and sign upgrade and was completed with the dedication of the new Shea Field at Smet Family stadium on October 3, 2018.

Phase II will include the installation of Air conditioning and new windows in the main building classrooms and the installation of an elevator in the main school building. Work is tentatively scheduled to begin in the late spring of 2019.

President Erick Rubalcava offered his words of gratitude in the following statement: “We are tremendously blessed at PMA to have such transformational support from both the John H. & Cynthia Lee Smet Foundation and Shea Family Charities through their continued advocacy and belief in our students and our community. The impact of this grant will directly benefit our students and staff, especially in the summer months when temperatures in our classrooms tend to reach unbearable conditions, which can negatively affect the cognitive functions of learning. In addition, we will now be able to accommodate students with special mobility needs in their ability to access classrooms on the second floor for the first time in the 65 year old history of the campus. This is a Christmas gift that will have a lasting impact for generations to come and we are so tremendously grateful to the Shea and Smet families for their continued support.”

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