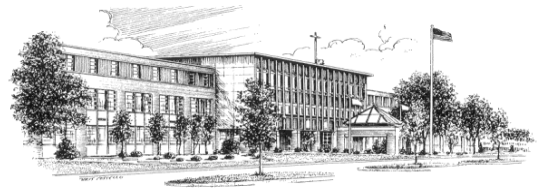


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Padua Franciscan High School

Press Release

Padua Franciscan High School raises \$26,000 for needy during *Christmas for Others* Campaign

PARMA, Ohio – (December 21, 2018) **Padua Franciscan High School collected \$26,763 in cash, in addition to donations, for families and charities in need.** Throughout the month of December, our students, faculty, staff and alumni participated in our *Christmas For Others* campaign. CFO is a program designed to make the holidays brighter for the less fortunate. It is the largest student-run fundraiser in Northeast Ohio.

We distributed the money (\$26,763) and goods during our CFO Liturgy on Friday, December 21st. Non-profits, inner-city schools, local food pantries, animal shelters and many others (listed below) received their donations.

Achievement Center for Children
Advent for Others
A Special Wish
American Red Cross
Birth Care of Medina County
Bishop William Cosgrove Center
El Salvador Mission Trip
Franciscan Mission
Give Kids the World

Kick-It (for Childhood Cancer)
Maggie's Place
Matt Talbot Inn
May Dugan Center
Metanoia
Parma Animal Shelter
Parma Heights Food Pantry
Parma Hunger Center
Parma Project Cheer

Promise for Haiti (dental & medical clinics)
Providence House
St. Francis School (Cleveland)
St. Joseph's Home
St. Malachi's
Visiting Nurse Association
West Side Catholic Center

Our students raised funds in a number of ways. The most exciting was our Coin Wars competition. This year, in 18 minutes, we collected over \$12,000 cash for local charities and families in need. Students went door-to-door in our neighborhood to collect canned goods for local food pantries. Our Italian Club hosted a Spaghetti Dinner. Spanish Club sold nachos. German Club sold root beer floats. Key Club offered a gift wrapping service. We had a seniors vs. faculty volleyball game, where \$1 admission went to a good cause. We also had a blood drive, where students helped save dozens of lives. Our main lobby was full of large bins to collect toys, books, coats, mittens, hats, scarves, socks, blankets and food.

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CFO Background: For 47 years, the Padua community has come together in the Franciscan spirit of giving. Since its inception in 1971, CFO has raised over \$500,000 for charity. CFO is the largest student-run outreach program in Northeast Ohio. It is sponsored, organized and operated by the students, under the direction of Padua's Key (Kiwaniis) Club.

School Background: Padua Franciscan High School is located at 6740 State Road in Parma, Ohio. Padua is a college-preparatory, co-educational school with 780 students. Padua was founded by Franciscans in 1961 and bases its educational philosophy on the life and spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi. The school's mission is to develop the unique talents of each student, while giving them the skills they need to succeed in college and beyond.