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CHILDHOOD CENTER NAMED FOR LOCAL FAMILY: For release January 3, 2018

A Spencer, Iowa, family's recent gift to Sacred Heart Catholic School and Parish helped the parish exceed its fundraising goal to create a new early childhood center.

In recognition of the \$200,000 gift, the center will be named the Manzer Family Early Childhood Center.

"Sacred Heart is blessed to receive this generous donation from the Manzer family," said Fr. William Schreiber. "It's not only exciting to recognize this gift, but also the Manzer's ongoing support by honoring them and placing their name on the building."

The Manzer Family gift along with a gift of \$120,000 from the Diocese of Sioux City, means Sacred Heart has exceeded its goal for its *Together the Dream Continues* Capital Campaign.

Fr. Schreiber also expressed thanks to the diocese and Bishop Walker Nickless for their support.

"Bishop Nickless recognizes the never-ending obligation from our families, our community and the fine work of our teachers to continue to provide for the children of Spencer," said Fr. Schreiber. "With this commitment, he's sending the message that he wants to see us continue to grow and enjoy success. We're thankful to receive the gift and thankful he is aware of our successful programs."

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Additionally, Sacred Heart has also received an anonymous gift of \$10,000 towards technology for The Manzer Family Early Childhood Center.

The Manzer Family Early Childhood Center, is a 6,100-square foot addition to Sacred Heart Catholic School and was the key component of the capital campaign. The project features four classrooms for child care for two and three-year-old children and an expanded preschool for three-year-old children.

“We’re pleased to offer this gift to the capital campaign,” said Helen Manzer. “The early childhood center is an impressive facility that promises to offer great benefits to the Spencer community. It’s a proud feeling to associate our name with it.”

In addition to the \$330,000 recently received in gifts, over 350 families have also provided \$1,600,000 in gifts and pledges for the *Together the Dream Continues* Capital Campaign. To date, Sacred Heart Parish and Catholic School has now exceeded the campaign goal of \$1.9 million. The three-year capital campaign continues through December 2019.

For more information on the *Together the Dream Continues* Capital Campaign, please contact Sheriffa Jones (712) 580-6348 or sjones@spencersacredheart.com.

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