

Who We Are

St. Augustine Indian Mission School was founded more than 100 years ago by St. Katharine Drexel and her Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Created to serve the Winnebago and Omaha tribes, the school now serves over 100 students and is a nationally recognized model of K-8 education for Native American children.

Rooted in Catholic identity and Native American culture, the school is the only one in the Archdiocese of Omaha created to serve the needs of Native American students. Our students learn Winnebago and Omaha languages and cultural heritages along with a solid core of academic basics. We offer comprehensive education in a supportive environment to best prepare our students to live a life in service to Jesus, the Church and Community.



Campaign Prayer

Lord God,
as the St. Augustine Indian Mission strives to build a new school, we call upon the intercession of St. Katharine Drexel, our foundress. Relying on your grace, she opened and supported almost 60 schools and missions, including ours.

Through her prayers and trusting in Your guidance, we ask for another school to be built for the spiritual, intellectual, and physical growth of the children of the Omaha and Winnebago Reservations.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.
All my relations.



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**Building on a
Saint's Foundation**
A Campaign for St. Augustine Indian Mission





Declining Facility

Our outstanding institution is currently operating in a building that was never intended to be a school. Originally designed to be an auditorium, gym and warehouse space, the facility has significant educational limitations:

- **Inadequate electrical outlets hinder the use of computers and other devices**
- **Some classrooms have no windows and poor air circulation has caused problems with mold**
- **Noisy HVAC and pillars in classrooms make it hard to hear and see teachers**
- **Multiple entrances produce security concerns**

Even more troubling is the fitness and viability of the building itself. A comprehensive evaluation by Boyd Jones revealed that the Mission school suffers from major structural problems – and will be safe to use for only 5-7 more years.

A Vision For the Future

Due to the building's structural problems, we have consulted with the Archdiocese of Omaha, architects and development professionals to find a solution.

Our most cost-effective and beneficial long-term option is to construct a new school building.

The current Mission office and school building will be torn down to make way for a new school – a two-story, 33,450 square foot structure with three entrances.

Our vision for the future includes:

- **Nine classrooms for grades K-8**
- **Dedicated classrooms for art, music, culture, Title and special education**
- **Gymnasium/Multipurpose space**
- **Cafeteria/Kitchen**
- **Commons area**
- **Media center**
- **Administrative offices and conference room**
- **Ample storage space, including space for the Mission's historical items and records**



Our Mission

To give our students the best possible learning environment and to faithfully maintain the legacy of our foundress St. Katharine Drexel, we are launching the **Building on a Saint's Foundation** Capital Campaign to fund the construction of a new school building.

Together, we will strengthen our Mission – in all ways – to pave a better future for Native American students and their families.

Construction of a New School Building
Estimated Construction Cost: \$13 million
(includes razing existing school)



(South side of new school)