



Holy Cross Regional Catholic School is pleased to announce that we are the recipients of a \$25,000 COVID Response & Recovery grant from the Connelly Foundation. Inspired by its Catholic heritage, the Connelly Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life in the Philadelphia region by supporting charitable organizations in the areas of education, human services, culture and civic life that strengthen resilience and help people to flourish.

We are excited to enhance and expand our STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Math) curriculum to include a project- based learning model that will include 3D printers, VR technology, Edison robots, broadcasting and webcasting equipment, just to name a few. Led by our Technology teacher, Dr. Colleen McCabe, each grade will research a real-world problem to develop, experiment, test, and discover a solution, that will be presented at the end of the school year.

Our plans included a 3-phased approach that will ultimately encompass a re-designed *INNOVATION STATION*. This dedicated lab will be a space that encourages collaborative learning in a creative and comfortable environment for our students. The students will have the ability to work in small groups, in a non-traditional classroom setting, that prepares them to be innovators of tomorrow. We will dedicate this space to a modern-day millennial on his way to sainthood, Blessed Carlo Acutis. This young Italian boy set his life on the path focused on Catholic values, acknowledging that modern technology can be used to proclaim the Gospel message of Jesus. We are excited to share our vision and see it come to life because of this generous grant from the Connelly Foundation. We are grateful for their support of Catholic education by providing schools with the resources needed to continue the work of educating students to be disciples of Christ for our future. Thank you, Connelly Foundation!