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Catholic Community Foundation Establishes Angel Scholarship Fund to Advantage New Ohio Tax Credit Program for Area Catholic School Students

Cleveland, Ohio – January 31, 2022 – A new program that allows Ohioans to receive a 100% tax credit for up to \$750 in cash donations to certified scholarship granting organizations has opened a new door for supporting tuition assistance to Catholic school students in the Diocese of Cleveland. The Catholic Community Foundation has established the Angel Scholarship Fund to accept donations that qualify for the new state of Ohio scholarship tax credit starting with the 2022 tax year.

The new program allows donors to choose how they will “spend” up to \$750 of their 2022 Ohio income tax liability. The Angel Scholarship Fund will prioritize scholarships for low-income families (under 300% of the poverty threshold) that seek high-quality Catholic education opportunities for their children. Contributors to the Angel Scholarship Fund will have the option of making a contribution that supports schools and students across the Diocese of Cleveland based on financial need or making a designated contribution to benefit students at a specific Catholic school. Students in all Catholic elementary and high schools across the eight-county diocese are eligible for these scholarships.

“Catholic schools serve their communities, and the Angel Scholarship Fund is a new opportunity for the community, in turn, to support students to attend a Catholic school. This program holds tremendous potential for keeping irresistibly Catholic, academically excellent education as widely available as possible throughout our diocese,” says Dr. Frank O’Linn, superintendent of Catholic schools. The Diocese of Cleveland Catholic schools comprise the largest school system in Ohio and the sixth-largest Catholic school system in the country. Currently, Catholic schools serve 38,312 students in Northeast Ohio.

Students from every Catholic school in the diocese can apply for scholarships by completing a scholarship application form. Applications will be processed by the Diocese of Cleveland Office of Catholic Education. The Catholic Community Foundation anticipates beginning to award scholarships as soon as the fall of 2022.

For more information about the Angel Scholarship Fund, including an online donation portal, can be found at www.catholiccommunity.org/angel. Or, call 216-902-1312.

About The Catholic Community Foundation

The Catholic Community Foundation is dedicated to enriching lives by encouraging faithful philanthropy. The Foundation supports the mission of the Diocese of Cleveland to provide for the spiritual, educational, and charitable needs of people throughout Northeast Ohio. Since its inception in 2000, the Foundation has raised more than \$493 million to support Catholic Charities, Catholic Education, Priestly Formation, and other ministries in the Diocese of Cleveland.

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