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Dear Friends,

I write today to share an exciting opportunity to support Catholic schools and students throughout our Diocese. If you’ve been following the news, you may be aware the State of Ohio has passed a Tax Credit Scholarship Program, an initiative whereby individuals may receive a 100% tax credit against their Ohio income tax liability for gifts up to $750 ($1,500 for married couples filing jointly). What a wonderful opportunity to provide financial help to those seeking a Catholic education at no net cost to donors!

 More good news: in conjunction with this program, students from every Catholic school in the Diocese of Cleveland will be eligible to receive a scholarship from the newly formed Angel Scholarship Fund. This fund is being managed locally by the Catholic Community Foundation, and they are accepting contributions that can be designated specifically for scholarships for students attending any Catholic school in the diocese. Undesignated contributions will be awarded as scholarships across a diocesan-wide pool of applicants from any Catholic school with priority given to low-income families – comparable to the current diocesan tuition assistance program.

Even more good news- this program does not affect any student’s ability to receive other scholarships or tuition assistance. It is important to keep in mind that contributions to the Angel Scholarship Fund will only be awarded to students who apply, and that all students are eligible, with priority given to applicants below 300% of the poverty level (currently $79,500 for a family of four).

 Enclosed, please find additional information about the program and the Angel Scholarship Fund. I am strongly encouraging members of our parish community to participate in this program. Your support will be a great service to our Catholic schools and students, and will help bolster efforts to ensure the viability of schools across the Diocese. Getting on board is not complicated- just follow these 3 easy steps:

1. If desired, review your tax liability from last year (2021 1040 IT, line 8c) to help estimate the amount of your tax liability for this year against which the credit can be taken.
2. Make a contribution to the Angel Scholarship Fund in 2022 at [www.catholiccommunity.org/angel](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel), or by calling 216-902-1312.
3. Claim your tax credit on your 2022 Ohio tax form with the tax credit receipt that will be mailed to you from the Catholic Community Foundation.

  Thank you for all you do to support Catholic education in our Diocese!

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor, <Parish Name>

P.S. Please visit [www.catholiccommunity.org/angel](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel) for more information about this exciting initiative!

Enclosure