



Catholic Diocese  
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Office of the Bishop

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Mr. and Mrs. John Smith  
1234 Main St  
Anytown, OH 12345

Dear John and Sally,

As the school year begins and students look to a time of new beginnings, many parents worry about how they will continue to provide the best education they can for their children – a culture based on shared Gospel values, academic excellence, and personal growth – a Catholic Education. Parents still sacrifice to send their children to Catholic schools, but sometimes that sacrifice is not enough – especially when illness, job loss, divorce, or another catastrophe enters their family life. **That is why today I am asking for your support of the Faith and Values Appeal to provide Diocesan Tuition Assistance to students and families in need.**

Thanks to the generosity of people like you who know the value of a Catholic education, last year more than 3,500 boys and girls received need-based tuition assistance from the Diocese totaling \$2.4 million. Every year, we receive letters from grateful parents and students who thank us from the bottom of their hearts.

*"It is so important for my husband and me to have our children attend Catholic school. We were both lucky to have a Catholic education, and we will try as long as possible to continue that education for our four children. Thank you so much. God bless the amazing donors that make this possible."*

Catholic schools in our Diocese transform the lives of children in their care. In a Catholic Christian environment, our schools develop students to be lifelong learners and critical thinkers who serve and lead those around them. We have academically excellent schools in all eight counties of our Diocese, stretching from more rural areas to suburbs and cities. We teach and uphold the human dignity of all students, some of whom have special needs and many from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Our school's strong cultures and family atmospheres provide high expectations as well as the individual supports, where necessary, to help students meet them. Won't you lend your support to make sure every family who desires this type of education for their children has the opportunity to fulfill their dream of Catholic school?

Our schools remain as anchors of faith in our communities. You can be an answer to a prayer for a Catholic school family. **Please find it in your heart to make a gift now to the Faith and Values Appeal for Catholic Education.** Every dollar donated is an investment in the future of a child and our community.

May God bless you for the difference you are making in the life of a child by allowing them to discover God's plan for their life unfolded in part through Catholic education. Thank you.

I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.  
Bishop of Cleveland

P.S. Make your gift online today at [www.CatholicCommunity.org/education](http://www.CatholicCommunity.org/education) to make an immediate impact.