Dear Friends,

The Catholic schools in the Diocese of Bridgeport offer children and their families an opportunity for growth and success through lifetime learning and faith formation.

Our Catholic schools offer a strong academic program and a values-based approach centered on a relationship with Jesus Christ in a safe and secure learning community.

By way of encouraging more families the opportunity to realize a Catholic education for their children, I established the Bishop’s Scholarship Fund in 2015. The Bishop’s Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance on an annual basis for students to attend Diocesan-sponsored elementary schools. Through the generosity of donors who believe in the mission of our Catholic schools, the Bishop’s Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to students with a demonstrated need, including families with more than one child enrolled in our schools.

I am extraordinarily proud of our students, who achieve so much, in academics, athletics and in service to others. I am even more encouraged by their life of faith and virtue. Every day our children rise to the challenge of greatness and allow God to shine through them.

The Bishop’s Scholarship Fund will make it possible for us to pass on the great gift of Catholic education to future generations.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

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The mission of the Bishop’s Scholarship Fund is to help families in need afford a Catholic Education.

All families who have a child or children registered, or are new applicants, in a Diocesan-sponsored Catholic elementary school in Fairfield County (Grades K-8) and are in financial need of tuition assistance are encouraged to apply. Applications open February 1.

**What is the deadline to apply?**
The deadline to apply is March 15 for returning students and April 15 for new students. Only completed FACTS Grant & Aid applications submitted online by the deadline with all required supporting documents will be considered.

**How is tuition assistance awarded?**
Tuition assistance is awarded to eligible students based on:
- Program eligibility and financial need
- Timing of completed application submission
- Confirmation of school registration

$2,582,000 awarded in tuition assistance

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49% Hispanic
27% White
18% African American
11% Other
3% Asian
2% Multiracial
1% American Indian

average family income $41,502

**Who can apply for tuition assistance?**
All families who have a child or children registered, or are new applicants, in a Diocesan-sponsored Catholic elementary school in Fairfield County (Grades K-8) and are in financial need of tuition assistance may apply.

**How to apply?**
Complete the FACTS Grant & Aid application at wwwFACTSng.com, answer all questions applicable to the Bishop’s Scholarship Fund and submit the required supporting documentation. We highly recommend scanning and uploading documents rather than mailing or faxing, which can significantly delay the process. There is a non-refundable $30.00 application processing fee payable by credit card. One application per family is required annually. For any questions on the FACTS application process, please contact FACTS directly at (888) 441-4637.

**When will I be notified of a decision?**
Award notifications will be emailed through FACTS beginning early May to returning families and beginning late May to new families.

**How do I accept the award?**
You will be given one week to accept the award online by the designated deadline. Credit to your tuition account will be made once your registration and enrollment is complete and verified.

**What if I don’t qualify for tuition assistance?**
Although every effort is made to award tuition assistance to all those eligible, there is limited funding available each year. If you are denied an award, please reach out to your school’s administration immediately about additional options that may be available to you.