

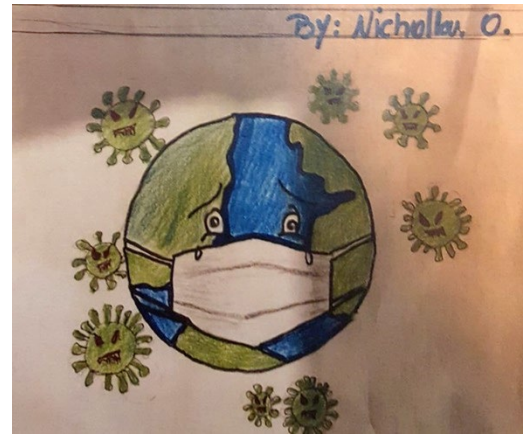
COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND

Anonymous \$1,000,000 to aid families adversely affected by the pandemic

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, 365 students were able to remain in our Catholic elementary schools and 92 new students were able to join our Catholic School family. The Bishop's Scholarship Fund Committee of Foundations in Education's Board of Trustees worked tirelessly throughout this summer with Diocese of Bridgeport elementary schools to identify families most in need.

The contribution was given specifically for those who may have otherwise had to withdraw their children from school after experiencing hardship due to illness, death in the family, loss of job, loss of income or other circumstances resulting from COVID-19.

This donation was truly a blessing amidst the challenges brought about by the pandemic.



As one mom observed,

"I have tears of joy in my eyes right now. This is a huge amount of stress lifted, as we were very worried about being able to make these full payments. We are so appreciative. If things change for us, we would be happy to pay this back or pay it forward."

Another recipient spoke on behalf of all of us by declaring,

"To the person who was so kind and generous in helping our family in this time of need we are truly grateful and wish you and your loved ones true happiness and God's blessings. It is people like you that make our world a better place."