

Dear Friends,

As superintendent, one of the most rewarding aspects of my role is witnessing the dedication and heart behind Catholic education in our Diocese. From pastors guiding with faith to teachers shaping young minds and parents making great sacrifices—it truly takes a village.

At the heart of this mission is the belief that every child deserves a high-quality Catholic education—one that fosters intellectual growth, moral integrity, and spiritual formation. The Catholic Schools Office (CSO) is committed to ensuring this education remains accessible to all families, regardless of financial means.

This appeal supports ten Catholic schools in South and West Dallas. Many in these communities continue facing economic challenges that limit access to quality education, let alone a Catholic education. While these schools receive significant tuition assistance through the Bishop's Invitational Golf Tournament and the Diocesan Education Endowment Trust, many families still struggle with unmet financial needs. The cost of education surpasses tuition revenue, creating a critical funding gap.

To ensure operational sustainability, the CSO is working to address financial challenges, reduce costs, and increase enrollment. With pastors offering faith-based leadership, teachers igniting student potential, and parents going above and beyond to provide for their children, your support strengthens this village. Your generosity **lights the way** for over 1,900 young learners, shaping servant leaders who will strengthen our Church and communities for generations to come.

Together, we can transform lives through Catholic education.

In Christ,

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Ten Schools. One Shared Mission.

- Bishop Dunne Catholic School
- Good Shepherd Catholic School
- Holy Family Catholic Academy
- Immaculate Conception Catholic School – Grand Prairie
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School
- Santa Clara of Assisi Catholic Academy
- St. Cecilia Catholic School
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic School
- St. Mary of Carmel Catholic School
- St. Philip & St. Augustine Catholic Academy

At the heart of these ten schools is a shared mission: to provide every child with a faith-filled, high-quality Catholic education. Together, we are shaping leaders who will strengthen our Diocese, workforce, and communities for generations to come.

Ways To Give



Online at dallascatholic.org/lighttheway



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*Your support **lights the way** for these students, helping these schools ensure that all of God's children can learn and grow in a joyful community of faith, regardless of financial circumstances.*

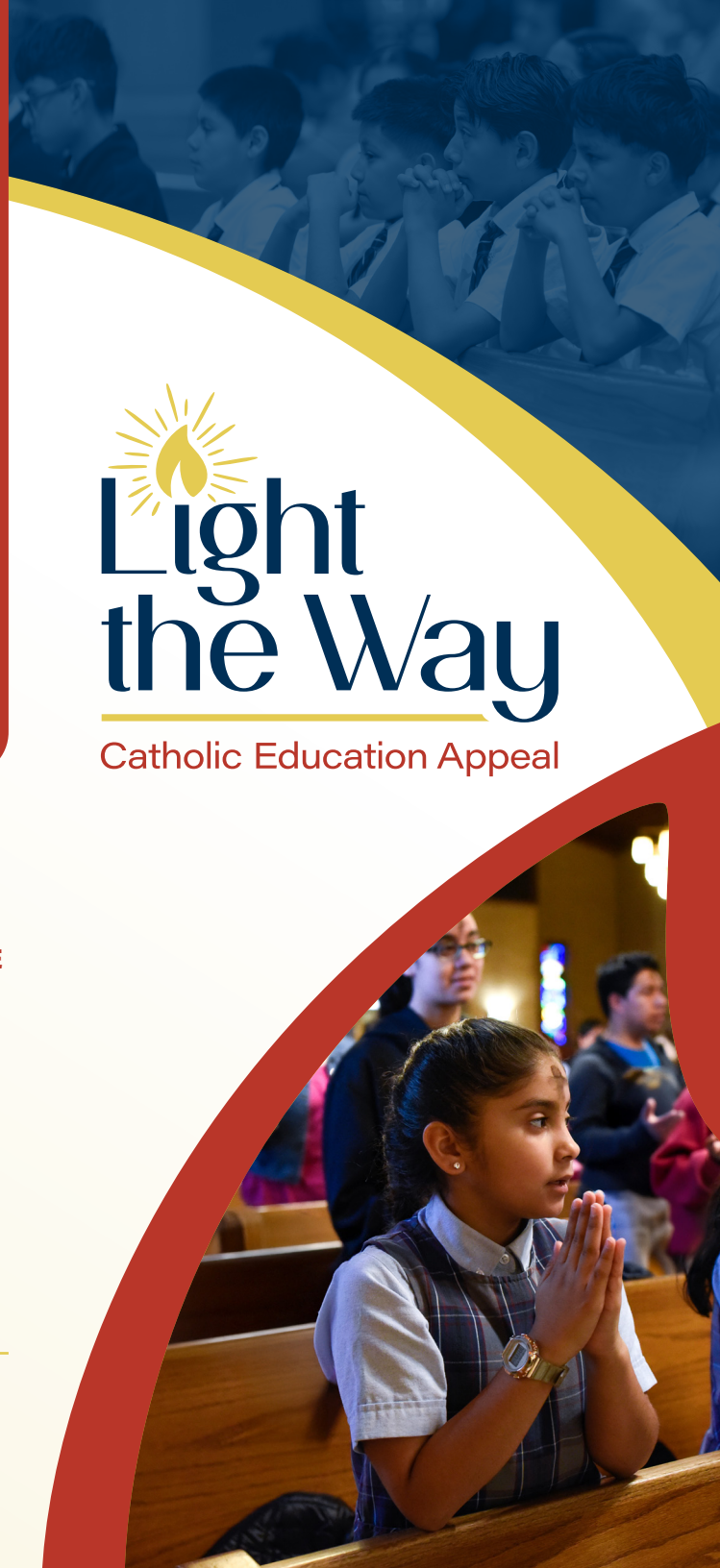


Catholic Diocese of Dallas

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Light the Way

Catholic Education Appeal



Intellectual Growth: Unlocking the Potential of Every Student

Intellectual growth is about more than just grades—it is about fostering a lifelong love of learning. Students are challenged to think critically, explore new ideas, and build skills that will serve them in all areas of life. A strong academic foundation prepares them not only for success in higher education but also for meaningful careers and leadership in their communities.

98% of Catholic elementary school students go on to Catholic high schools, continuing their faith-based educational journey

A strong academic foundation today prepares these students to become the leaders, innovators, and changemakers of tomorrow.



Moral Integrity: Forming Leaders with Character and Conviction

Rooted in Gospel values, our schools foster moral character, ethical leadership, and a strong commitment to justice. No matter a student's path—whether in medicine, business, the arts, or public service—students will carry these values with them, strengthening their communities with wisdom and purpose.



By supporting these schools, you are investing in the moral and ethical formation of tomorrow's leaders, ensuring they have the tools to build a more just and faith-filled society.

Spiritual Formation: Shaping Lives with Christ-Centered Purpose

Faith is the foundation of Catholic education. These schools foster a deep, personal relationship with Christ, shaping students who are not only academically prepared but also spiritually grounded. Through daily prayer and participation in the sacramental life, including Mass, students are equipped to carry their Catholic faith into every aspect of their lives.

15 HOURS average **monthly** time for religious study, excluding Mass participation

89% of parents/guardians believe their children are learning how to grow closer to God

121 HOURS time spent **annually** immersing children in Catholic teachings, Scripture, and the core values of faith, service, and community

A gift to these schools is a gift to the future of our Church, helping ensure that students who may otherwise lack access to Catholic education are formed in faith, helping build a stronger, more vibrant Diocese for generations to come.

Our Faith in Action – Serving the Most Vulnerable

- Together, these ten schools serve 1,928 students.
- 43% of students receive tuition assistance.
- 53% of students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch, compared to the 32% diocesan average.
- 17% of students receive Title I services, more than double the diocesan average of 7%.

Bishop Dunne's College-Ready Graduates

- Bishop Dunne seniors earned \$7.4 million in college scholarships in 2024.
- 26% of students from the Class of 2024 earned associate degrees before graduation, allowing them to pursue multiple majors, earlier completion of bachelor degrees, and significant savings on college tuition.

Every student represents a life changed, a family strengthened, and a community transformed.

