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Dear Catholic School Family,

I am writing to you today to share some exciting news for your family. You may have heard that the State of Illinois has created a new way to fund scholarships for children who choose to attend Catholic schools. On August 31<sup>st</sup> the “Invest in Kids Act” was signed into law in the State of Illinois. Scholarships offered through this program have the potential to cover **up to 100 percent of tuition and fees for next school year for families that qualify.**

Many details are still being finalized about the application process. Very soon you will receive a letter from your school pastor and principal with more details about who qualifies for these scholarships and how to apply. There will be a limited number of scholarships available so applying as soon as allowed is very important. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

Rest assured that your local school leadership as well as the leadership at the Diocese of Joliet will help you through the application process. We will answer your questions and provide resources to assist you in completing the application.

We have established our Catholic Schools Office website, [www.weteachmore.org](http://www.weteachmore.org) as the place where you will find the latest information about the application process and deadlines.

We look forward to sharing more about the new scholarship program in the coming weeks.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. John Belmonte, S.J., Ph.D.  
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