



Deacon Rick's Tax Savings Suggestion

How often do you get to donate to a worthwhile cause and then get your money back dollar-for-dollar? The Alabama- Education Scholarship Program does just that. The Alabama's Education Scholarship Program is a tax-credit scholarship, which allows taxpayers who donate to nonprofit scholarship granting organizations (SGO) to receive tax credits for their contributions. Learn more at [Alabama - Education Scholarship Program \(edchoice.org\)](http://Alabama-Education-Scholarship-Program.edchoice.org)

The Alabama Legislature sets aside about \$20 million dollars each year that can be redirected to private schools, including Catholic Schools, if citizens take the time and make the effort to do so. It is like pre-paying a portion of your State income taxes that you get to direct to a specific fund that provides scholarships to children who are waiting in line to get out of their failing schools and into a better school. I have been participating since 2016.

The Catholic schools of the Diocese of Birmingham have been participating in the program from the beginning. However, the Diocese of Birmingham created its own SGO so that all the money directed into this SGO goes directly to students who have requested to attend one of the Catholic Schools in the Birmingham Diocese. C2 Opportunity Scholarships was established in 2018 and provides scholarships to income-eligible K-12 children across the Diocese of Birmingham through the donation of Alabama income tax liability so that they can attend a Diocesan school of their choice. [C-Squared Opportunity Scholarships \(csquaredscholarships.org\)](http://csquaredscholarships.org)

There is a specific process that must be followed to make the donation and then get your tax credit (dollar-for-dollar). You can go to the C-Squared link above [or follow the attached instructions](#) I have from last year that still work. If you have given to an SGO in the past, please consider redirecting your donation to the C-Squared fund to support Catholic Schools and the low-income students who want to attend our schools.

This is a win-win donation. You help low-income students; you help our Catholic Schools, and you get your money back. To get the credit for 2020 you must follow the directions to register for your tax credit and send your check to C-Squared this year. If you are a business owner, your company can also donate/redirect some of its corporate State tax liability to help the Catholic Schools and students.

If you have any questions, call me and I can share with you my experience. (205-422-8734 cell, 205-271-7105 work)

May God Bless you and your families in the New Year and lead you into His eternal kingdom

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