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Dear Friends,

I write today to share an exciting opportunity for our parish and school community. If you've been following the news, you may be aware the State of Ohio has passed an initiative that will benefit our school and its students through a Tax Credit Scholarship Program, whereby individuals may receive a 100% tax credit against their Ohio income tax liability for gifts up to \$750. What a wonderful opportunity to support our students at no net cost to donors!

More good news: in conjunction with this program, students from every Catholic school in the Diocese of Cleveland, including ours, will be eligible to receive a scholarship from the newly formed Angel Scholarship Fund. This fund is being managed locally by the Catholic Community Foundation, and they are accepting contributions that can be designated specifically for scholarships for students at our school (or those of another Catholic school in the diocese). Any undesignated contributions will be awarded as scholarships across a diocesan-wide pool of applicants from any Catholic school by prioritizing low-income status and need – comparable to the current diocesan tuition assistance program.

Even better news- this program does not affect any student's ability to receive other scholarships or tuition assistance. It is important to keep in mind that contributions to the Angel Scholarship Fund will only be awarded to students who apply, and that all students are eligible, with priority given to applicants below 300% of the poverty level (currently \$79,500 for a family of four).

Enclosed, please find additional information about the program and the Angel Scholarship Fund. I am strongly encouraging members of our parish and school community to participate in this program- your support will be a great service to Holy Trinity School and students and will help bolster our efforts to ensure the viability of our school. Getting on board is not complicated- just follow these 3 easy steps:

- 1. If desired, review your tax liability from last year (2021 1040 IT, line 8c) to help estimate the amount of your tax liability for this year against which the credit can be taken (keep in mind the maximum credit amount is currently \$750, which means your tax liability must be \$750 to take the full credit).
- 2. Make a contribution to the Angel Scholarship Fund in 2022 at www.catholiccommunity.org/angel, or by calling 216-902-1312.
- 3. Claim your tax credit on your 2023 Ohio tax form with the tax credit receipt that will be mailed to you from the Catholic Community Foundation.

Thank you for all you do to support Holy Trinity Parish and School!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Vincent Hawk

P.S. Please visit www.catholiccommunity.org/angel for more information about this exciting initiative!

