Friday, April 29, 2022

Dear Saint Rita Families,

We write with exciting news about tax credit scholarships, a new initiative passed in Ohio's House Bill 110, the state's operating budget for fiscal years 2022-2023. This bill allows Ohio donors to receive a 100% tax credit (dollar for dollar) for up to \$750 in cash donation (\$1,500 if married filing jointly, where each spouse donates \$750) when donating to designated tuition scholarship-granting organizations. This is a wonderful opportunity to make Catholic education more affordable, at no cost to donors!

Here's more good news: In order to utilize this opportunity to benefit Catholic education at Saint Rita School and other diocesan schools, the Catholic Community Foundation has established the Scholarship Granting Organization called the Angel Scholarship Fund. The aim of the Angel Scholarship Fund is to direct scholarships to eligible students from Saint Rita School. The more individual taxpayers who participate in the state tax credit program, the more students can benefit from these tuition credits.

Contributions to this fund that are designated for Saint Rita School will benefit Saint Rita School students who apply for this scholarship. Any undesignated donations will enter the diocesan-wide pool of applicants from Catholic schools by prioritizing low-income status and need. The contributions to the Angel Scholarship Fund will only be awarded to students who apply, and all students are eligible. Furthermore, this program does not affect any student's ability to receive other scholarships or assistance, and does not place limits on which students or the amount of scholarships that can be awarded.

This program holds tremendous potential for bolstering our efforts to ensure the viability of Saint Rita School and other diocesan Catholic schools. We strongly encourage members of our parish and school communities to participate in this program. Participation is not complicated – just follow these 3 easy steps:

- 1. 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.
- 2. Use the enclosed contribution card to make a one-time or monthly gift to the Angel Scholarship Fund.
- 3. Claim your tax credit on your 2022 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 Saint Rita Parish and School!

In Christ's love,

Father Thomas J. Behrend

Administrator

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