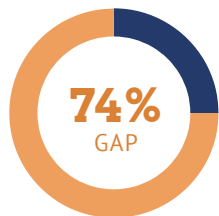


Closing the Gap

The Catholic Education Foundation helps keep Catholic education within reach – but many families still need significant tuition assistance.

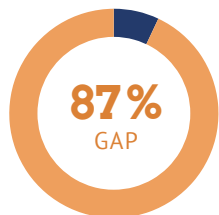
Elementary School

Average Tuition: \$5,950
Average CEF award: \$1,550
GAP: \$4,400



High School

Average Tuition: \$15,400
Average CEF award: \$1,990
GAP: \$13,410



Together, we can close the gap.

Partner with us and make Catholic school available for more families.

Your gifts are carefully stewarded.

We are committed to responsible governance, financial oversight, and thoughtful stewardship of every resource entrusted to the Foundation.

Ways to Give



GIVE

Meet today's needs.
Support scholarships now.



PLEDGE

Build long-term support.
Create sustainable resources through the CEF endowment.



PLAN

Create a lasting legacy.
Include Catholic education in your will or estate plan.



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Our Impact

Last School Year

\$2.85 Million

financial assistance awarded

1,653

students supported

41

Catholic schools
served

"Education is an invisible gift, but it is a valuable one."

Christine Jones has been writing scholarship application letters since she was ten.

Growing up, finances could be tight. Her father ran his own trucking company, while her mother stayed home to raise Christine and her sister. But one thing her mother always made room for was tuition at her middle school, St. Isidore Catholic School.

"So I started writing. The spring of 8th grade, I sent letter after letter to donors and waited patiently as my last year at St. Isidore came to an end. And one of my letters happens to fall into the hands of Ms. Kazma, her parents, and the Kazma Foundation.

Thanks to their kindness and generosity, I would be continuing my Catholic education at St. Francis High School."

There, Christine found challenging academics, a community she loved, and opportunities that helped her grow.

"Right now, I am about to enter my senior year at Loyola University Chicago. I am studying Early Childhood Special Education and have spent the last three years dedicating myself to being the

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best educator I can be. Education matters. A good, strong education matters."

Christine knows that the gift can extend beyond one student.

Her grandparents immigrated to Chicago from Mexico City in the 1950s, encouraging each generation to move forward. That spirit continues with Christine, and even with her father, who says that if he ever won the lottery, he would create a scholarship like Ms. Kazma's.

Someone chose to invest in Christine's education. Now she is preparing to spend her life investing in the education of others.

That is what becomes possible when generosity keeps Catholic education within reach.



"Donors have not met my kids but they are donating their money so they can attend a Catholic school. You don't know the impact you have made."

— Stephanie Piazza-Green (parent)