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Dear SS. Cyril and Methodius Parishioners ~

SS. Cyril and Methodius School is grateful to you for supporting the advancement of Catholic school education.

This year again, I am writing about a unique opportunity for Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools. Several years ago, the State of Illinois created a tax credit scholarship program through the "Invest in Kids" Act that is mutually beneficial to students and donors. It provides a 75 percent Illinois State income tax credit to individuals who contribute money to fund scholarships for students to attend private schools. Eligible students from low-income families in Illinois may use these scholarships to attend a non-public school of their choice, including the more than 200 Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools in Cook and Lake Counties.

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we awarded over \$137,000 dollars in scholarships for this current school year; however, 3 of our students were left on the waiting list. This year, with your help, we hope to be able to raise enough funds to offer a scholarship to every qualifying child from SS. Cyril and Methodius School.

- Every dollar donated to this program through Empower Illinois and designated to a school operated by the Archdiocese of Chicago (SS. Cyril and Methodius School) will be matched with one dollar (limitations apply). The program will end when all matching funds have been depleted or on March 31, 2023, whichever comes first.
- For example, a \$5,000 donation will have a tremendous impact. With the 75 percent tax credit, you receive on the donation, it will have a net cost to you of \$1,250 and will provide \$10,000 (after the match) in scholarships for qualifying families.
- After April 1, 2022, any matching gift program funds that are not awarded at a designated school will be reallocated to qualifying students at schools with unmet demand.

We hope you will join us in supporting Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools and provide more children the opportunity to receive a quality Catholic school education at SS. Cyril and Methodius.

For more information, please contact me or the Archdiocese's Tax Credit Scholarship Office at tcs@archchicago.org or 312.534.2617.

Please check the website at: <http://empowerillinois.org/donate/>

Sincerely,

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