



Dear St. Barbara School Family and Friends,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful start to your summer break. As we prepare for the 2018/19 school year, I am reaching out regarding an opportunity to provide more students a wonderful Catholic education at St. Barbara School.

As many of you know, the *Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program* provides Illinois children access to new scholarships that could cover up to 100 percent of tuition—depending on their level of need. Those who contribute to this new program will receive a state tax credit equal to 75 percent of their contribution.

There are more than **35 students** in our St. Barbara community who qualify for these tax credit scholarships, but will not receive a scholarship because of lack of available funding. We need your help so that these students can receive an outstanding education rooted in faith and service.

I ask that you consider this amazing opportunity – support Catholic education at St. Barbara School and significantly reduce, or eliminate, your state tax bill at the same time. If you'd like to learn more, please contact Jeremy Monty at the Archdiocese of Chicago at [jmonty@archchicago.org](mailto:jmonty@archchicago.org) or 312.534.7939.

Thank you for your time.

Yours in Christ,

Nicole Nolazco  
Principal



# PERSONAL BENEFIT, COMMON GOOD

## ILLINOIS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS



### INCREASE STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

The new state program Invest in Kids offers a transformational opportunity for Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools through tax credit scholarships (TCS). Children in our state from low-income families will have access to new scholarships to attend non-public schools. Tax credit scholarships cover up to 100 percent of tuition and fees for students starting in the 2018/2019 school year. Scholarship eligibility is based on a family's income. For example, a student could receive a scholarship if his/her family income is less than \$72,900.

### LOWER YOUR TAX BILL

Invest in Kids provides Illinois state income tax credits to individuals and corporations who contribute money to an approved Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). SGOs are independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that award scholarships to eligible students from low-income families. Individuals and corporations may receive a credit for their Illinois state taxes equal to 75 percent of donations to an SGO. Individuals can designate their donation to a school or subset of schools.

## INVEST IN KIDS IN THREE EASY STEPS



### 1. APPLY FOR A TAX CREDIT AT MYTAX.ILLINOIS.GOV

Applicants are required to have a MyTax Illinois account. Visit [archchicago.org/tcs](http://archchicago.org/tcs) for step-by-step instructions for creating an account and applying for the tax credit.



### 2. DONATE TO AN SGO WITHIN 60 DAYS

Once the application is approved, donate to a Scholarship Granting Organization, such as Empower Illinois, within 60 days.



### 3. DESIGNATE TO CHICAGO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

During the donation process, donors have the option to donate to a specific Catholic school or the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools system.

### ARCHDIOCESE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE

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