

## THE SCHOOLS.

Our Catholic schools provide an education that focuses on academic excellence and spiritual guidance with highly qualified teachers. All schools are accredited and meet rigorous quality improvement standards from Catholic and state accrediting agencies.

- The Diocese of Columbus includes 42 elementary and 11 high schools serving 23 counties and spanning the spectrum from inner city to suburban, from urban to rural.
- Enrollment in our schools has held steady despite declines in school enrollment in all other dioceses throughout Ohio.
- Nearly 98 percent of the Class of 2008 continued their education in colleges and universities, securing more than \$35.1 million in college scholarships.
- Passing rates on the Ohio Graduation Test were higher for our schools than for any other diocese in Ohio.
- All elementary and secondary educators in diocesan schools are licensed by the State of Ohio and have completed diocesan-mandated religious education certification.



## THE DIFFERENCE.

At All Saints Academy our Mexican heritage is also incorporated into the Spanish curriculum and we appreciate our ability to give input as well as grow from the lessons....  
*Julie and Moises Hernandez  
 All Saints Academy, 2009*

Learning is special at Bishop Flaget, because we love God and he is welcome to go to school with us.  
*Debbie Bettendorf, parent  
 Bishop Flaget School, Chillicothe, 2009*

The most important aspect (of the Catholic school) is that Christ is placed first. My child is allowed to pray and worship and encouraged to live daily a life that follows the teachings of Christ. My child has had the blessing of being able to walk each day with Christ while receiving an excellent education from teachers who care enough to prepare well beyond standards set forth by the state.  
*Kathy Layton, parent  
 St. Joseph School, Dover, 2009*

Faith doesn't fit into a yield curve or return on investment model. When I think of the education we have provided our children (in a Catholic school), balance and happiness come to mind, not yields and returns. In my opinion, the value of our educational investment would be...Priceless.  
*Greg Thompson, parent  
 Bishop Hartley/St. Matthew, 2009*

Attending a Catholic school means my son will hold himself to a higher standard of academic achievement and moral principles. Catholic education is more than learning. It is an investment in knowledge, faith, love, and hope.  
*Michelle Foster, parent  
 St. Vincent de Paul, Mt. Vernon, 2009*

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## CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOL VIRTUES

*Building a future for our Church, country and world*



*November 10, 2009  
 Walter Student Commons  
 St. Charles Preparatory School  
 2010 East Broad Street  
 Columbus, OH*

*Honoree Reception 6 p.m.  
 Dinner 7 p.m.  
 Business Attire*

*Fortitude*

"FORTITUDE IS THE MORAL VIRTUE THAT ENSURES FIRMNESS IN DIFFICULTIES AND CONSTANCY IN THE PURSUIT OF GOOD."  
 - CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Prudence Justice  
 THE CARDINAL VIRTUES  
 Fortitude*

## THE CHALLENGE.

Our Catholic schools are part of an important ministry of the Church, offering a unique educational experience that addresses the whole person, made in the image and likeness of God. Following the command of our Lord to teach all nations, our K-12 schools help students develop intellectually, spiritually and morally, guiding them in understanding the obligations of human life, the dignity of the individual and the shared responsibility for our common good.

The theme – *Celebrating Catholic School Virtues* – illustrates the critical difference of a Catholic education, providing not just knowledge and learning but a context within which to frame, analyze and filter information using prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance...the four cardinal virtues.

I invite you to join us in helping provide a Catholic education for all children in our diocese.

*+ J. J. Campbell*  
 Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, D.D., Ph.D.  
*Bishop of Columbus*

## THE 2008 HONOREES.

In November 2008, the following individuals became the inaugural class of Celebrating Catholic School Virtues honorees:

**JUSTICE Bishop James A. Griffin**  
*... dedication to Catholic education through the establishment of the "Legacy of Catholic Learning Fund."*

**PRUDENCE George and Patty Doyle**  
*... lives that strive to serve God through advocacy and love for students with special needs.*

**FORTITUDE Patrick Rossetti**  
*... determination to create a Campus Ministry program influencing all Diocesan high schools.*

**TEMPERANCE Barney and Peggy Lawless**  
*... unselfish lifelong work and faith in support of the Tuscarawas County Catholic schools.*

## THE OPPORTUNITY.

You can help children in your community receive a Catholic education. Your support will enable the diocese to at least double the amount of tuition assistance provided in the 2008-2009 school year and help more local families in need.

Your contribution will help meet the financial needs of diocesan families, both now and in years to come. Seventy-five percent of all contributions will be used immediately for need-based scholarships. The remaining 25 percent will be used to create an endowment at The Catholic Foundation for future scholarships. In 2008, the Gala raised \$187,000 for tuition assistance for our families.

Giving Levels	
<b>FORTITUDE</b>	\$50,000
Presenting sponsor; preferred seating for table of 10; 10 tickets to VIP reception; banner; name and logo on all printed material promotions	
<b>JUSTICE</b>	\$25,000
Preferred seating for table of 10; 6 tickets to VIP reception; banner; name and logo on all printed material promotions	
<b>TEMPERANCE</b>	\$15,000
Preferred seating for table of 10; 4 tickets to VIP reception; name and logo on all printed material promotions	
<b>PRUDENCE</b>	\$10,000
Table of 10; 2 tickets to VIP reception; name and logo on all printed material promotions	
<b>PATRON</b>	\$5,000
Table of 10; name listing in program	
<b>FRIENDS</b>	\$500
Seating for one, name listing in program	

## THE NEED.

Each year, hundreds of economically disadvantaged families throughout the diocese are turned away from Catholic schools because there simply is no more financial assistance available.

Consider these facts from the 2008-09 school year:

- Parents of existing and prospective students within the diocese documented a need for \$5.2 million in tuition assistance, and yet only \$554,003 was available.
- Less than 28 percent of all families with need (633 out of 2,300 households) received assistance from the diocese, but not nearly enough to cover the costs of sending their children to our schools.
- For 2008-2009, 93 percent of families had a documented need for assistance of \$1,000 or more.



*Prudence*

"PRUDENCE IS LOVE CHOOSING WISELY BETWEEN THE THINGS THAT HELP AND THOSE THAT HINDER."  
 - SAINT AUGUSTINE

*Justice*

"THE RULE OF JUSTICE IS PLAIN, NAMELY, THAT A GOOD MAN OUGHT NOT TO SWERVE FROM THE TRUTH..."  
 - SAINT AMBROSE

*Temperance*

"TEMPERANCE IS SIMPLY A DISPOSITION OF THE MIND WHICH SETS BOUNDS TO THE PASSIONS."  
 - SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS