

Please read and/or publish in conjunction with the Second Collection for the Catholic Elementary School Tuition Assistance on September 16th and 17th 2023

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Among the primary responsibilities of parents is to educate their children in the faith. Catholic schools have been established to help Catholic families meet this need and to offer a solid foundation both in academics and Catholic values.

Our Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Las Vegas serve not only the parishes to which they belong, but all families of the Archdiocese. In past decades, our Catholic schools were beneficiaries of religious Sisters, Brothers and Priests who staffed these schools. Today we depend upon the many dedicated lay teachers to continue the Catholic education apostolate, an apostolate that must also be accompanied by a compensation that is worthy of this calling.

In recent years, our Catholic schools have faced rising operational costs and capital needs, resulting in a corresponding increase in tuition rates; this in turn presents an increased financial challenge to families hoping to send their children to a Catholic school.

The Archdiocese of Las Vegas designates this second collection for Catholic elementary school scholarships. This year's collection will be taken on the weekend of September 16th and 17th 2023.

I ask you to please be as generous as possible. Through your support in this collection, young minds and hearts will be given the opportunity to receive solid spiritual and academic formation in Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas.

With gratitude for your continued generosity, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Archbishop of Las Vegas