

***Encountering Christ* will help make Catholic education more affordable**



Our responsibility as Catholics is to ensure future generations of disciples are well-formed, prepared and excited to embrace and share their faith with our world.

‘Catholic schools are for everyone in the diocese.’ - Misty Poe, superintendent

Our 22 Catholic schools provide 5,235 students with a comprehensive, faith-based education, preparing their minds for college and their hearts for discipleship. Ensuring cost prevents no family from enrolling their children is a priority of *Encountering Christ*.

Studies show that children who attend Catholic schools outperform the national average on standardized tests, are more engaged as citizens, are more likely to graduate high school and attend college and are more likely to continue attending Mass and be active in their parishes.

Tuition costs are challenging for many families. An estimated 34 percent of students enrolled in Catholic schools require tuition assistance. Our diocese can do more to make Catholic education available to more families. *Encountering Christ* gifts will be used to establish a \$5 million tuition assistance fund. Funds from this endowment will help us welcome more children to our schools for years to come, and spread the benefits of a Catholic education to more families.

For more information, visit encounteringchristcampaign.org/videos and watch the “Catholic Schools” video.