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From Gaudete Et Exsultate (Rejoice and be Glad) - Pope Francis I

Dear Parents,

Around re-registration time each year we also provide information about how to apply for diocesan financial aid as well as diocesan scholarship information. The diocese has decided to use FACTS once again this year for determining Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA). To apply, you must do so online and there is a \$35 fee. The site is <https://factsmgt.com/parents/> Scroll down to "Apply for Financial Aid." You need to create a username and password and submit the necessary documents on time. You should choose Saint Charles as your school (I found this most easily done through entering the zip code of 44129.) The scholarships are usually a few hundred dollars. They are based on need and while there is a limited pool of money for aid in the Diocese of Cleveland, there are quite a few families from Saint Charles that have received aid over the years. The deadline for the first round for FACTS and DTA is March 15.

There are two scholarships available through the diocese:

The Bishops' Scholarship for Excellence is an opportunity for those students currently in grades six and seven. If chosen to receive this award, the scholarship amount is \$1000. There are sixteen \$1000 scholarships available. Students are required to write an essay and obtain a written recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, or parish staff member. Parents need to apply through FACTS for the financial aid portion. There are also eight \$3000 scholarships for current tenth and eleventh graders. Because there is both an essay and a written recommendation involved, it is suggested you begin the process soon to have adequate time and to be fair to whomever you ask to write a recommendation. Saint Charles has had many students earn this scholarship over the past eleven years – with some students earning it more than once. Don't hesitate to apply.

The M. Thomas Moore Family Scholarship is for students currently in grades 1 through 7. There are four \$500 awards available. Parents must submit the application and apply through FACTS for the financial portion. The parent/guardian and/or the student is required to write a letter (one-page maximum in length) stating why he/she believes the student fulfills the merit requirements. Merit includes scholastic achievement in accordance with the student's potential, involvement of student in school life, and positive character traits

The scholarship applications are available on our website and are also attached. If you would like us to send an application home to you, please e-mail Mrs. O'Gorman (logorman@saintcharlesschool.org) and request one or both.

The deadline to submit the applications to the school is March 1. Applications and recommendation letters (where applicable) must be sent to school so that I can add the other required information in a timely manner.

Please consider applying for DTA and for the scholarships. Students from Saint Charles have been very fortunate in past years.

If you have any questions, please let me know and I will gladly guide you through the process.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Updegrave, Principal