

Dear friends and families of school’s name,

Please help me provide more children with the gift of Catholic education. A 50% Indiana state tax benefit is available to all Indiana donors in return for your generosity.

**WHAT:** Founded in 2011, the Scholarship Granting Organization of Indiana (SGONEI) provides low and middle-income families with scholarships to attend Catholic schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Donors can use an SGO scholarship for tuition by eligible families whose income falls below 300% of the federal income limits for free and reduced lunch.

**WHY THIS MATTERS:** When you donate to the SGONEI, you do more than unlock education for the year a family receives the scholarship. Families who qualify for an SGO award their first year then become eligible to receive a state-funded Indiana Choice Scholarship (commonly called the voucher) in all subsequent years. This state-funded scholarship amounts to 90% of what it would cost to educate that student at their local public school. At many of our schools, this covers a student’s entire tuition.

**TAX INCENTIVE:** In addition to the potential Federal tax deduction for charitable contributions, SGO donations are eligible for a 50% State of Indiana Tax Credit. Unlike a tax deduction, your SGO donation reduces your tax liability “off the bottom line.” It would help if you donated in time for SGOONEI to process donations by the end of the year to count for that year’s credit.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE TAX CREDIT?** Individuals, corporations, partnerships, LLCs, PCs, and self-employed people are all eligible for the tax credit; any entity with a state tax liability can benefit from a donation to the SGO.

**HOW DO I DONATE?** You can donate online at sgonei.org. You may donate unrestricted or earmark your donation for a particular school.

**OUR SCHOOL’S NEED:** Each year, our school’s name needs approximately XYZ dollars to provide XYZ students with the funds they need to afford their first year in our school. As I mentioned above, we anticipate that most of these students will receive the State-funded Choice Scholarship in future years.

Thank you for considering a gift for these children.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Name

