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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Dear RCS Supporter,

A Catholic education is truly life changing. Walking into a school everyday where you are known and loved transforms how you learn. Our families make sacrifices each day to make a Catholic education a reality. For almost 29% of our K-12 students, it wouldn't be possible without sacrifice AND the generosity of our community members, like you, who partner with families to fund need-based scholarships. **Thank you for making a difference in the lives of Rochester Catholic School students!**

In the spring of 2021, Carson's 5th grade teacher had a heart to heart with Carson and his mother, Allyson Gizzi, discussing middle school options. The teacher encouraged her to explore their options, which included St. Francis of Assisi School.

> **"We sat down with Principal Poterucha and I knew right away that this was the right place for Carson," shared his mom. He told her, "You don't have to worry; St. Francis of Assisi will give him lots of love." Gizzi was impressed, *"When leadership can look you in the eyes and say we will love your child, you know it is a special place."***

Carson started 6th grade the following year and loves St. Francis of Assisi School! He has served on Student Council for two years, plays the trumpet in the band, sings in the choir at Mass, and volunteers at school events whenever he can.

A single mother, Allyson humbly expressed, "Becoming part of the RCS community has changed our lives. **I recognize the generosity of others has made it possible for our family to become part of the RCS family.** I have worked to teach Carson to say 'yes' to opportunities to love and serve over the years; just like others who have said 'yes' to Catholic education through their financial gifts towards tuition assistance."

This year, 338 students, along with Carson, were awarded over $1.3 million in tuition assistance. We are so grateful to our parishes, the Lourdes Foundation, our alumni and our supporters who step up to partner with our families. We can only provide tuition assistance to families with your support!

We invite you to make a gift to RCS to support families like Carson and his mom, Allyson. By making a gift to the RCS tuition assistance fund, you are assisting in providing tuition assistance to our families. Your partnership is vital to our mission. Thank you for making a difference!

God give you peace,

Annemarie Vega

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President



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Recently, the St. Francis band joined with the Lourdes High School Pep Band at Homecoming. Coming home after the football game, Carson shared, **"When I am in high school at Lourdes, I want to do what the marching band did on the field tonight!"** He has already told his mom he wants to go to Lourdes -- he knows what he wants in life and is determined to go after it.

Ways to Give

There are two ways to partner with our families.

- **RCS Tuition Assistance Fund -** Supports families receiving tuition assistance this year.
- **Lourdes Foundation -** Helps to grow endowed scholarships this year and for years to come.

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By the numbers

Families from all five of our schools benefit from need-based scholarships.

Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Middle School	$187,000
Holy Spirit Catholic School	$177,000
Lourdes High School	$378,000
St. Pius X School	$205,000
St. Francis of Assisi School	$380,000
Total	**$1,327,000**