

LIGHT of CHRIST SCHOLARSHIPS

BRINGING THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION TO ALL STUDENTS





LIGHT of CHRIST SCHOLARSHIPS

With 40 schools across five counties, the Diocese of Allentown provides students and families opportunities to grow and excel in mind, body, and spirit. With a foundation in faith and values, Catholic schools enable children to meet academic success and, perhaps more importantly, become kind, compassionate, and engaged citizens who carry high standards throughout their personal and professional lives.

Throughout the Diocese of Allentown, many students would like to attend or remain in a Catholic school. However, family finances can make this choice impossible. In fact, cost is the top reason cited by families who do not enroll their children in Catholic schools. Today, the Eastern Pennsylvania Scholarship Foundation provides approximately \$3 million in scholarships each year. Unfortunately, the shortfall in annual scholarship needs across the Diocese exceeds an estimated \$10 million.

In the Diocese of Allentown, we are blessed with school communities rich in history, tradition, and diversity. Across generations, our Catholic schools continue to bring families and children from all backgrounds together to learn, to grow, and to succeed. With your help, we can give the gift of Catholic education for many years to come. THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN SERVES MORE THAN 10,000 K-12 STUDENTS IN BERKS, CARBON, LEHIGH, NORTHAMPTON, & SCHUYLKILL COUNTIES.

31 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS with curriculum for pre-kindergarten through 8th grade

6 COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOLS FOR GRADES 9-12

3 SPECIAL LEARNING SCHOOLS SERVE STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL, DEVELOPMENTAL, & LEARNING DISABILITIES

97% OF OUR STUDENTS MATRICULATE TO COLLEGE

WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT?

Endowments are permanent funds established by a Donor whereby only the interest each year is used for the specified purpose of the fund. The principal amount of the gift remains intact and is invested for long-term growth. Donors establish endowments to ensure that a charitable purpose is accomplished in perpetuity.

The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania currently manages three endowment funds which provide needbased scholarships to families who desire a Catholic education for their children.

• Catholic School Scholarship Endowment Fund

This is an unrestricted endowed fund which provides scholarship money for elementary and secondary school students in the Diocese of Allentown.

• Berks County Catholic School Scholarship Endowment Fund

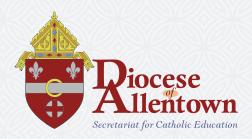
This Fund provides scholarship money for elementary and secondary school students in Berks County.

• Hispanic Scholarship Endowment Fund This Fund provides scholarship money for Hispanic and Latino students in the Diocese of Allentown.

By supporting one of these endowments or creating a named endowment to memorialize or honor a loved one, you help make Catholic education affordable for all families in the Diocese of Allentown.

Diocese of Allentown Mission Statement

The Diocese of Allentown is a Roman Catholic family of faith centered in the Holy Eucharist, faithful to the Church's teachings, bringing the **Light of Christ** to each other and to our community.



Office of Education • 1425 Mountain Drive North • Bethlehem, PA 18015

Stephanie Schweder-Kratzer Director of School Development 610-866-0581 x2316 sschweder-kratzer@allentowndiocese.org

www.ALLENTOWNDIOCESE.org