



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

Your Generosity Supports Your Parish Through The Following Services: Diocese of Orlando Catholic Schools



Your gift to **Our Catholic Appeal** supports more than 14,500 students in 42 Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Orlando. Because of your generosity, our children, from PreK to 12th grade and including those with special needs, receive an educational experience rooted in high academic standards and steeped in the Catholic faith and traditions.

Gifts to **Our Catholic Appeal** have raised more than \$2 million annually for our schools, supporting student scholarships, tuition assistance, and our 1,200 staff members, including lay faculty, religious sisters and brothers, and priests. This resource helps parishes with schools, as well as all other parishes, by promoting faith to a new generation of Catholics who are encouraged to volunteer, form strong families, and become generous Catholic parishioners of the future.

Since the opening of our first school in Orlando in 1889, our Catholic schools have enjoyed a history of spiritual and academic success. Our students continually score above state and national norms, both in public and in private schools, in standardized, ACT and SAT testing. In 2018, 100 percent of our 793 high school seniors graduated, with 98 percent of those now attending college or in the military. They earned more than \$46.6 million in scholarships and were accepted to 376 colleges and universities.

Our diverse student body, who come from all walks of life, are charitable as well, giving of their time, talent and treasure. In 2017-2018, they provided more than 205,000 service hours, serving in their parishes, schools and communities. They held food, clothing and toy drives for the needy; visited the elderly; volunteered at animal shelters; went on mission trips to minister to the people of our sister diocese in San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic; and more.

Your support helps prepare our students to enter the global marketplace as faith-filled leaders in their communities and the Church. Learn more about Catholic schools in the Diocese of Orlando at www.orlandodiocese.org/ministries-offices/schools.

Your support also provides your parishes and schools:

-  Annual Workshops and Trainings for Parish Staff
-  Human Resources Services
-  Construction & Design
-  Retreats and Events at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center

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