Impact Report



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CEF CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES

Dear Catholic Education Foundation,
I value my catholic education because it gives me the opportunity to learn so much about our catholic faith, experience the Sacraments, and live out our faith by being kind and respectful to everyone within our school community.

I've learned how to be kind and to respect everyone. Teachers have always taught me grades are important but so is our faith.

I value my faith because it has taught me about the good in life and me.

Thank you for helping me and my family!

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Thank you for making catholic education possible!

I value my Catholic Education because I like to learn about Jesus and the saints.







It has grown because when I'm in pain or sad, I remember that Jesus is always with me and I push through it with God. I thank all the donors of the CEF and I pray whoever is reading this will have a blessed rest of your day!





My faith has grown by being at a Catholic school because we get to go to mass, pray in the morning, before lunch, and at the end of the day.

Thank you!

My Catholic education is very important to me because it helps me learn about God. It helps my everyday life. My faith has grown a lot with my Catholic education. I have learned about a lot of things.

Thank you for donating to our school so that we can continue to have our Catholic education. I value my Catholic education because I learn more about God and my Religion. My faith has grown a lot thanks to your donations to our school.

THANK YOU CEF



Dear Friends,

For nearly 40 years, the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) has been a source of hope and opportunity for families facing financial hardship, helping make the gift of a Catholic education possible for children throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

During the 2025–2026 school year, thanks to your generosity, CEF awarded more than 16,000 tuition grants to students attending 208 Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

These grants do more than help families meet the cost of tuition. They strengthen families, and open doors to give young people the opportunity to grow in faith, knowledge, and character. For families facing financial hardship, your generosity can make the difference between a Catholic education being out of reach and a child having the chance to thrive.

I am grateful to CEF and to each of you. Your generosity is what makes this work possible. Your support is a work of love for our neighbors who are most in need.

I ask Our Blessed Mother Mary to keep you and your families in her tender love, and may God grant you peace and joy.

+ José H. Gomez

Most Reverend José H. Gomez
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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Message from our Leadership

Dear Friends,

Every student deserves the opportunity to discover their God-given potential through an education grounded in faith, excellence, and purpose. For families facing financial hardship, that opportunity can sometimes feel out of reach. Because of your generosity, the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) is helping make it possible.

During the 2025 - 2026 school year, the Catholic Education Foundation provided more than $29.7 million in tuition assistance, opening the door to a Catholic education for thousands of students across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, spanning the counties of Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Los Angeles. Behind every award is a student with dreams, a family making sacrifices, and a future made brighter because someone chose to invest in their potential.

The pages of this Impact Report tell those stories. They are stories of perseverance, achievement, and faith. They remind us that tuition assistance is about far more than helping a family meet the cost of tuition. It is about giving young people the opportunity to grow in confidence, develop their God-given gifts and build a foundation for lives of faith and service.

None of this would be possible without the remarkable generosity of our CEF community. To our donors, partners and friends, thank you for believing in these students and for recognizing the lasting difference a Catholic education can make. Your support reaches far beyond the classroom and continues to shape families, communities, and generations to come.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to ensuring that financial circumstances never stand in the way of a deserving child receiving a Catholic education. We invite you to continue this journey with us, supporting students and families who are counting on our community to help make this opportunity possible.

Thank you for your support of our mission.

Sincerely,



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President
Board of Trustees



Doug Cooper

Doug Cooper
Executive Director

Welcoming Eddie Lund to the CEF Board of Trustees

The Catholic Education Foundation is pleased to welcome Eddie Lund, President of the Allen Lund Company, to its Board of Trustees. A longtime advocate for Catholic education, youth development and service, Eddie brings extensive leadership experience and a deep commitment to creating opportunities for young people.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a degree in finance, Eddie spent four years playing minor league baseball with the Los Angeles Dodgers before joining the Allen Lund Company in 1994. After advancing through several leadership positions, he returned to Southern California in 2005 and was named President in 2018.

Eddie's commitment to service extends beyond his professional career. He serves on the board of St. Francis High School and previously served on the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Finance Council. He and his wife, Alicia, are parishioners at St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church, where they have led the Christmas Adopt-A-Family program since 2014.



Eddie met Alicia at Notre Dame, where both were student-athletes. Alicia was on the Fighting Irish volleyball team while Eddie played catcher for the university's baseball team.

Their three children attended St. Bede the Venerable Catholic School, Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy and St. Francis High School.

Eddie's leadership and longstanding commitment to Catholic education and service make him a welcome addition to the CEF family. We look forward to the impact he will have on CEF and the students we serve.



Tuition Based Programs

Tuition Awards Program (TAP)

The Catholic Education Foundation provides tuition assistance to the most financially deserving students attending Catholic elementary and high schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

CEF has two core programs that help families afford a Catholic school education. CEF spends 92% of its budget on programs.

Tuition Awards Program (TAP) is the cornerstone of CEF's mission. It is a lifeline for Catholic schools and the most financially challenged and underserved students across the three counties of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The CEF program team works one-on-one with families at designated Catholic high schools to process their tuition award application. This grassroots approach has proven to be the most efficient and cost-effective way to process applications and to meet families where they are.



Click here to watch our 2026 Seniors video!

TAP Highlights

- In September 2025, the CEF Board of Trustees approved increasing the elementary tuition award amount from $1,000 to $1,500. This increased our TAP budget from $12.5 million to over $16 million, adding over $3.5 million in funding to schools across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.
- CEF's Programs Team processed approximately 21,000 tuition award applications in the 2025-2026 school year.
- The average annual income for a family of four receiving a tuition award in the 2025-2026 school year was $48,273.

Save Our Students (SOS)

Save Our Students (SOS) began in 1998, providing additional funding for those students with special, high-risk circumstances. Many of our SOS students are living in foster care or with guardians. The SOS award amount is $2,500. The supplemental funding they receive assists with their enrollment in a Catholic school. These students receive the nurturing and stabilizing environment needed to succeed.

The New Enrollment Initiative: Opening Doors to Catholic Education

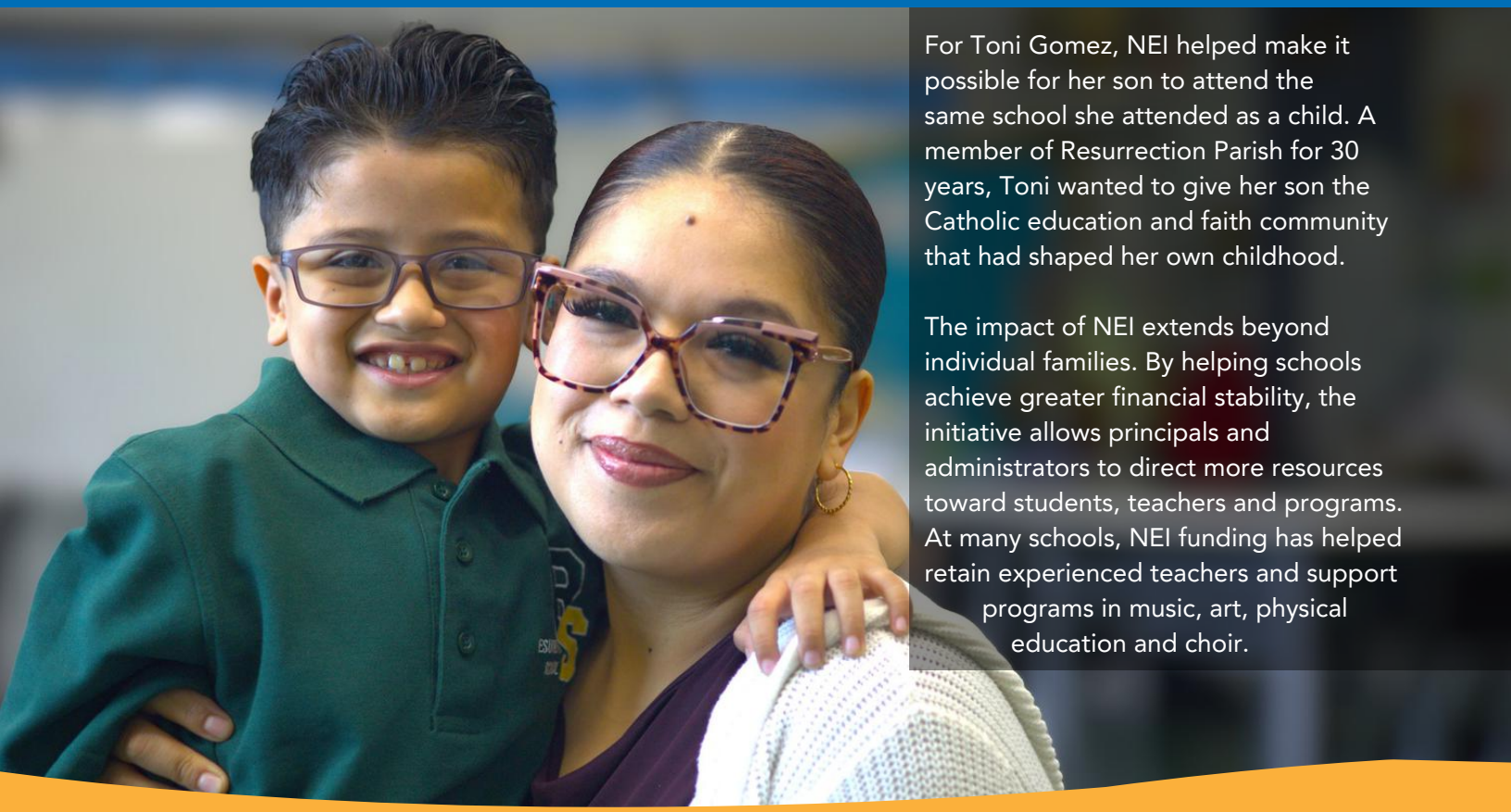
New Enrollment Initiative (NEI)

New Enrollment Initiative (NEI) is a $50 million, 5-year initiative focused on increasing enrollment in our Catholic schools. The program began in 2021 and in June 2026, CEF funded the final cohort of new students. The program accomplished two goals. First, it increased enrollment in participating schools; second, it increased school revenue.

NEI supported 162 participating elementary and high schools and enrolled more than 6,800 new students from preschool to twelfth grade, averaging a 5.2% enrollment increase. The average NEI award amount was $2,000 for elementary and $4,000 for high school. In addition, the schools generated nearly $29 million in additional revenue, which allowed them to add programming, invest in technology, make small capital improvements, and hire needed staff.

CEF is deeply grateful for this transformative gift.

"Without the help of CEF, NEI and the donors, we wouldn't be open. There's no way."
- Principal Lauren Hernandez, Resurrection Catholic School



For Toni Gomez, NEI helped make it possible for her son to attend the same school she attended as a child. A member of Resurrection Parish for 30 years, Toni wanted to give her son the Catholic education and faith community that had shaped her own childhood.

The impact of NEI extends beyond individual families. By helping schools achieve greater financial stability, the initiative allows principals and administrators to direct more resources toward students, teachers and programs. At many schools, NEI funding has helped retain experienced teachers and support programs in music, art, physical education and choir.

Click here to watch our NEI video!

Non-Tuition Based Programs

Big Yellow Bus



- 150+ buses provided last year
- Served over 10,000 students
- Supports field trips, cultural experiences, college visits and leadership programs
- Makes learning beyond the classroom possible for Catholic school students

Click here to watch our Big Yellow Bus video!

Art Trek



- 38 Catholic schools participating
- Served nearly 6,000 students
- Teacher training led by professional instructors
- Art supply kits provided to educators
- Creative lessons that inspire student expression and discipline

Click here to watch our Art Trek video!

Porteous Sports



- Playground and athletic equipment provided to four Catholic schools
- Served approximately 800 students
- PE and athletic programs strengthened
- Teamwork, confidence and healthy activity developed

Click here to watch our Porteous Sports Program video!

Big Yellow Bus: Opening the Road to Opportunity



For Catholic school students across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, a yellow school bus can mean much more than a ride. Through the Catholic Education Foundation's Big Yellow Bus Program, funded by the Steinmetz Foundation and an anonymous donor, students gain access to experiences that extend learning beyond the classroom, build confidence, and create lasting memories.

Transportation can be a significant barrier for families who may not have the resources to cover the cost of a field trip or enrichment program. Big Yellow Bus helps remove that barrier, ensuring students can participate.

At St. Aloysius School in Los Angeles, sixth through eighth-grade students recently traveled to the California Science Center. They explored exhibits, visited the Mummy World Expo and watched an IMAX film about mummification, bringing classroom lessons to life. For eighth grader Crystal, seeing what she had learned in class made the experience especially meaningful.

"It means a lot because I can see a real visual of what I learned in class. We don't always have that opportunity at school, but here I can actually experience it," said Crystal.

For St. Aloysius Vice Principal Emma Salazar, transportation is often one of the biggest challenges to providing these opportunities.

"One of the biggest challenges we face is transportation," she explained. "Many of our students come from lower-income families, so even when admission is free, the cost of the bus can prevent us from going."

Big Yellow Bus also helps students access opportunities that shape their leadership and futures. During the TACSC Summer Leadership Conference, more than 50 students from Catholic schools across Los Angeles traveled by Big Yellow Bus to develop skills in servant leadership, communication and strategic planning.

According to TACSC Executive Director Heidi Johnson, transportation made the program possible for families who otherwise could not participate.

"The families that needed the day program were also the same families who had to be at work early," said Heidi. "Driving across Los Angeles every morning simply was not possible. The bus partnership has made all the difference."

CEF has also maintained its partnership with the St. Sebastian Sports Project, providing transportation for students from nearly 10 Catholic schools to attend a performance of The Nutcracker. From science museums to leadership conferences and ballet, Big Yellow Bus helps students learn, explore, lead and grow.



Porteous Sports: Equipping Students to Play, Compete and Grow



For students at Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, new sports equipment can open the door to much more than recreation. Through the Porteous Sports Program, the Catholic Education Foundation helps schools provide equipment students need to play, compete and grow.

Funded by the Porteous Family Foundation through CEF, the program provides sports and playground equipment to schools where resources are often limited.

At St. Philip Neri School in Lynwood, new basketballs, soccer balls, volleyballs, jump ropes and training equipment are replacing worn equipment and giving students more opportunities to participate.

"Now there's enough to go around," said Coach Jack Dabbaghian, athletic director and physical education teacher. "The kids always made the best of what they had, but this opens so many more opportunities for them."

At Holy Trinity School in San Pedro, a grant provided balls, relay batons, baseball equipment and a much-needed volleyball net. With 21 sports teams, athletics are an important part of school life.

"The volleyball net was absolutely necessary, and we're so grateful for it," Principal Anthony DiLeva said. "Sports help create a well-rounded individual. Exercise is a natural stress reliever, and kids need opportunities to move, play and connect with one another."

At St. Gertrude Catholic School in Downey, new soccer nets, volleyball trainers, tetherball poles and pitching screens have transformed recess and lunchtime.

"There are so many things to choose from," fifth grader Ethan said. "Now, since there are a lot more games, more people could spread out and have more fun."

At Holy Trinity School in Atwater Village, Principal Eileen Vasquez emphasized that active play teaches lessons beyond athletics.

"It is very important that they not only learn academics, but the fundamentals of lifelike perseverance, getting up after falling down and good sportsmanship," said Principal Vasquez.

Through the generosity of the Porteous Family Foundation, the program is helping students build confidence, friendships, teamwork and joy.



When Art Gives Students a Voice



For Immaculate Conception Principal Walter Ortiz, Art Trek is about much more than creating a finished piece of artwork. It is about giving students the opportunity to try something new, find what works for them and discover their own voice.

Art Trek is a non-tuition program provided by CEF to schools within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, aimed at enriching students through structured art lessons. This program allows students to express their creativity while also gaining insights into art history.

Now in his fourth year as principal of Immaculate Conception School in Los Angeles, Ortiz first experienced Art Trek as a junior high teacher at St. Malachy School in South Los Angeles. Although he does not consider himself an artist, he looked forward to the program's workshops.

"It was something that was a little bit relaxing," Principal Ortiz recalled. "After a full week of teaching, after a full week of just work and life, it's nice to just kind of sit down, mellow out and really take in the experience of art."

That experience translated directly to his students. Ortiz remembers junior high students arriving at Art Trek lessons with plenty of doubt, saying they couldn't do it because they were not artists. His response was simple: Give it a try.

Art Trek's step-by-step lessons and variety of options allowed students to find an approach that matched their interests and abilities. Students could sketch, work with clay or watercolors or choose charcoal and pencil for a black-and-white project.



"There were always options," Ortiz said. "Maybe I don't want to do it like this. I want to do it like that."

Sometimes, that freedom can reveal much more than artistic ability.

Ortiz recalled one student who had been struggling socially following a difficult family situation. During an Art Trek project, the student used his artwork to express frustrations he had been holding inside. The experience helped school staff recognize that he needed additional support and led to a referral to counseling services.

The once quiet student began to open up.

"Sometimes it's just little things. They unlock those hidden emotions, those hidden thoughts," Principal Ortiz said.

Made possible through the generosity of the Porteous Family Foundation, Art Trek currently serves more than 40 Catholic schools.

"Thank you very much to the Porteous family, to CEF, to Art Trek for everything that you do for our communities," Principal Ortiz said. "We are in heartfelt gratitude for everything you do, and you do make a difference."

Oliva's Determination to Make a Difference



Oliva

St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy (Downey)

From the time she was learning to ride a bicycle, Oliva's determination was unmistakable. Even after scraped knees and repeated falls, she refused to quit. That same perseverance has shaped her academic journey and led to remarkable accomplishments as a graduate of St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy in Downey as its 2026 Valedictorian.

Oliva began her education at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish School in Montebello. Through classroom conversations about faith, she discovered a deeper connection with her father, who has always had a strong Catholic faith.

When it came time to choose a high school, after touring St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy, Oliva knew she had found the community where she belonged. Although the campus was a 30-minute drive from home, she and her family embraced the commute because they believed in the opportunities the school would provide.

Through the school's Early College Program, Oliva challenged herself. She graduated with a 4.81 GPA, earned two Associate of Arts degrees from Cerritos College in social science and psychology and received a full tuition scholarship to UCLA. She recently entered UCLA as a junior, straight from high school, in the fall 2026 academic quarter. She is studying biochemistry and plans to add a second major in psychology before applying to medical school and becoming an emergency or trauma physician.

Oliva says one defining moment came through her Kairos retreat. Oliva shared that it became a life-changing encounter with her faith. The experience of being a leader the following year challenged her to share her story with vulnerability and trust God completely.

Oliva reflected on how she almost lost her Catholic education.

In elementary school, her father unexpectedly lost his job. With no income, her parents struggled to pay rent and provide for their family. They feared they would have to withdraw their daughters from Catholic school, but her father never lost hope.

"He told me, 'Just trust in God. If He wants you to be in a Catholic school, you will be,'" Oliva recalled.

Days later, the Catholic Education Foundation stepped in with tuition assistance. This inspired her to dream bigger and work harder.

At a recent interview in May 2026, the week that she graduated from high school, Oliva shared her gratitude.

"I really can't express how thankful I am," Oliva said. "Without CEF, I would not be graduating from PMA. My graduation, my valedictorian speech, all my accomplishments, they really are all owed to CEF."

"Thank you for allowing me to continue my Catholic school education when times were tough for my family. Without your support, I would not be where I am today."

A Journey Fueled by Faith and Opportunity



Edith

Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary High School (Montebello)

When Edith first transferred to a Catholic school in third grade, she was scared.

Leaving behind familiar friends and entering a new environment felt overwhelming. She remembers crying when her mother told her she would be changing schools. But on her first day at Santa Isabel School, Edith made a friend who remains one of her closest friends today.

Over the next nine years, Edith grew academically, spiritually and personally before graduating as the salutatorian of Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary High School in May 2026.

“I always liked that everything was centered on God,” she said. “No matter what class we were in, we always prayed and kept Christ at the center of everything we did.”

Raised in a family where faith was already important, Edith found that Catholic education deepened her relationship with God while surrounding her with teachers who encouraged her to dream bigger.

At Cantwell, she immersed herself in the school’s Project Lead the Way biomedical program, a three-year curriculum that introduced students to careers in medicine. The experience confirmed her dream of becoming a physician and inspired her to pursue anesthesiology. Through Campus Ministry, she also became an altar server, strengthening her faith and commitment to serving others.

The encouragement Edith received throughout high school gave her the confidence to pursue opportunities she once thought were beyond her reach.

After spending a summer volunteering at Keck Hospital of USC, she knew where she wanted to continue her education.

In the fall 2026 semester, Edith began her studies at the University of Southern California on the pre-medical track after receiving university grants that made attending USC affordable.

Looking back, she believes Catholic education opened doors she never expected.

“I don’t think I would have gone to USC without Cantwell,” she said. “My teachers and counselors encouraged me to try new opportunities and helped me believe I could do it.”

For Edith’s family, the Catholic Education Foundation's support made that journey possible. Tuition assistance eased the financial burden on her parents and allowed Edith to remain in Catholic schools from elementary school through high school.

Edith offers heartfelt gratitude to the donors who invested in her future.

“Because of your generosity, I received an education filled with opportunities, teachers who truly cared, and experiences that changed my life,” she said.

Today, Edith’s example is inspiring her younger cousins to work hard, dream bigger and believe in what is possible.

A Dream That Never Changed



Lamont

Verbum Dei Jesuit High School (Watts)

When Lamont arrived at Verbum Dei Jesuit High School as a freshman, he already had a goal that many students don't set until much later.

He wanted to attend an Ivy League university.

That dream began in middle school, but the path to get there was anything but easy. Before high school, Lamont and his mother experienced years of housing instability, moving from place to place and, at times, sleeping in their car.

"I remember everything," he said. "The hardest part was always packing up our things and moving again."

Rather than allowing those experiences to define him, Lamont used them as motivation. Watching his mother persevere inspired him to create a different future for himself and for those who would come after him.

Thanks to tuition assistance from the Catholic Education Foundation, Lamont was able to attend Verbum Dei, where he discovered opportunities that challenged him academically, strengthened his faith and prepared him for life beyond the classroom.

"The biggest difference was the community," he said. "Learning about brotherhood and the Catholic faith changed me."

The required service hours was a concept he embraced by giving back.

"The service hours required me to do a lot of things outside of school, like feed the homeless," said Lamont, "It was ironic for me, and I was glad I chose to do it."

At Verbum Dei, Lamont embraced every opportunity. He competed in basketball for four years, participated in robotics, the Black Student Union, poetry club and the Jesuit leadership program. Through the school's Corporate Work Study Program, he spent four years working at the same law firm, where he developed professionalism, confidence and communication skills.

Lamont was the Valedictorian at the Verbum Dei commencement in May 2026.

Outside of school, his entrepreneurial spirit flourished. He co-founded a successful cheesecake business with his father. He also builds and sells custom computers, combining his passion for technology with business.

Lamont was accepted to 70 colleges, including Columbia University and Dartmouth College. After visiting campuses across the country, he chose Columbia University, where he will study industrial engineering on a full scholarship. Yet for Lamont, success has never been about personal achievement alone.

One lesson from Verbum Dei continues to guide him: never forget where you came from.

After earning his degree, Lamont hopes to return to Los Angeles and create a STEM education center that will expose young people to engineering, coding, robotics and other career pathways.


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Gracia

Bishop Montgomery High School (Torrance)

After spending more than 13 years in Catholic schools, beginning in preschool at St. Joseph School in Hawthorne and graduating from Bishop Montgomery High School, Gracia left with much more than a diploma in May 2026. She carried with her strong faith, a passion for serving others and a clear vision for her future.

"I've always appreciated the close community that Catholic schools provide," Gracia said. "You build relationships with your teachers and classmates that you just can't find in a much bigger school."

Those relationships helped Gracia thrive both inside and outside the classroom. She was a four-year member of the volleyball program, served as co-president of the Latinx Club and vice president of the Marine Biology Conservation Club. She also embraced countless opportunities to volunteer in her community.

As she prepared for college, Gracia's hard work earned remarkable results. She was accepted to more than 20 colleges and universities before choosing the University of California, Berkeley, where she received a full tuition scholarship and plans to study molecular and cell biology on the pre-medical track with the goal of becoming an oncologist.

While her academic accomplishments were impressive, Gracia believed her Catholic education shaped something even more important.

It gave me something to center myself around," Gracia said. "Growing in my faith and learning to serve others has changed the way I see the world."

That commitment to service extended far beyond campus. Inspired by years of Christian service projects, Gracia organized school supply donations for kindergarten students in Honduras, where her parents were born. During visits with family, she taught children English, led classroom activities, and provided school supplies to the students.

"It made me realize how important it is to give back," she said. "I want to continue serving others through medicine."

For Gracia's family, the opportunity to attend Catholic school would not have been possible without the support of the Catholic Education Foundation. Tuition assistance eased the financial burden on her parents and allowed them to provide both of their daughters with the gift of a Catholic education.

"I know how important this education is," Gracia said. "CEF gives families an opportunity they may not think is possible. My family is so grateful."

Because of generous CEF donors, graduates like Gracia leave Catholic schools prepared not only to succeed in college and their careers, but to use their talents to make a difference in the lives of others.



Finding Her Voice Through Faith

Vanessa

Holy Innocents School (Long Beach)

When Vanessa first walked through the doors of Holy Innocents School as a second grader, everything felt different. Her parents wanted an education rooted in faith and surrounded by a community that would help them grow into the people God created them to be.

Looking back after graduating from Holy Innocents, Vanessa knows they made the right decision.

“Catholic school changed my life,” she said. “It gave me a place where I could grow in my faith, be myself and discover what God is calling me to do.”

What stood out most was the school’s strong Catholic identity. Daily Mass, prayer throughout the day, Eucharistic Adoration and the freedom to openly talk about God became part of her everyday life.

“I grew to love it,” she said. “Those are things you just don’t find anywhere else.”

Vanessa found opportunities that helped her grow beyond the classroom. She joined the Ball Committee, Speech and Debate, Scola Choir and other leadership activities, discovering gifts she never knew she had.

Once shy and hesitant to speak in front of others, Vanessa gradually found her voice. Planning school events and competing in speech activities sparked a passion for marketing, communications and event planning. Those experiences ultimately led her to choose John Paul the Great Catholic University, where she plans to study marketing while exploring opportunities in business and the creative arts.

“I realized I love talking to people and bringing ideas to life,” she said. “That’s when I knew what I wanted to do.”

One moment during her senior year reminded Vanessa just how special her school community had become.

After vandals broke into Holy Innocents and desecrated the chapel and religious statues, students returned determined not to let hatred define them. Together, they cleaned the campus, prayed and supported one another.

“We’re a family,” Vanessa said. “Nothing was going to break us because God is with us.”

Just weeks later, that same community traveled to Rome, where Vanessa had the unforgettable opportunity to meet Pope Leo XIV during a papal audience.

None of these experiences would have been possible without the Catholic Education Foundation.

“It touches my heart that people who don’t even know us choose to help families like mine,” said Vanessa. “Without CEF, I wouldn’t be here. My faith would not be this strong, and I would not have had these opportunities. Your generosity gave me opportunities that changed my life, and I will always be grateful.”



A Family's Foundation of Faith

Christopher & Michael

Paraclete High School (Lancaster)

For Christopher and Michael, Catholic education has been the foundation of their lives. It is where they have built lifelong friendships, strengthened their faith and discovered the dreams they now hope to pursue.

But for their mother, Christina, their journey represents something even greater.

“It has been a huge miracle in my life that they’ve been able to attend Catholic school all these years,” she said.

For the past seven years, Christina has faced the challenge of raising her children alone on a limited income. With support from her parents and tuition assistance from the Catholic Education Foundation, she has been able to keep her children in the schools she believed would provide not only a quality education but also the faith and stability they needed most.

“It gave me a lot of peace of mind knowing where they were,” Christina said.

Christopher, who graduated in May 2026, and his younger brother Michael, a member of the Class of 2028, have attended Catholic schools since kindergarten. Along the way, they have formed lasting friendships and grown closer to God through religion classes, retreats and daily prayer.

“Being able to have a connection with God has made things easier,” Michael shared. “Catholic school taught me to pray and brought me closer to God.”

Their faith became especially important as the family navigated the challenges of their parents’ separation.

“Being surrounded by their faith every day gave them the strength and the tools to turn to God,” said Christina.

Their Catholic education has also helped shape their futures. Christopher challenged himself through honors and Advanced Placement courses as he pursues his dream of becoming a mechanical engineer. In the fall 2026 semester, he started attending Antelope Valley Community College. Michael hopes to study radiologic technology and become an X-ray technician.

For Christina, seeing her sons grow academically and spiritually is a testament to the power of opportunity, faith and community.

“It has put a lot of weight off our backs,” Michael said. “We’ve struggled financially our whole lives, and this has helped so much.”

As Christopher begins the next chapter of his life and Michael continues his journey, their family's story stands as a testament to what is possible when generous supporters invest in a child's future.

"We are very blessed," said Christopher. "We are really grateful for this opportunity."

Christina echoes that gratitude.

"I'm just so thankful," she said. "Without the donors, my kids wouldn't be in Catholic school. It wouldn't have been possible."

Driven to Succeed with Grace



Grace

Sacred Heart High School (Lincoln Heights)

Grace knows exactly why she works so hard.

Whether she's taking Advanced Placement and dual enrollment courses, leading student organizations, practicing volleyball before sunrise, or working 25 hours a week at In-N-Out Burger, every decision is fueled by one goal: honoring the sacrifices her mother has made to give her opportunities.

"I didn't want my mom to feel like everything she invested in my education was for nothing," Grace said. "She gave me the opportunity to attend Catholic school my whole life, and I wanted to make the most of it."

In the fall 2026 quarter, Grace began attending the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), where she is studying pre-mathematics and economics before pursuing a career in finance. She earned admission with a remarkable academic record, maintaining a 3.94 unweighted GPA while challenging herself with AP and dual enrollment classes throughout high school. Even more impressive, she received the prestigious Angel Scholarship, covering her tuition, room, board and educational expenses for all four years.

For Grace, the scholarship represents more than financial assistance. It brings her family peace of mind.

"My mom was stressing about how we were going to pay for my senior year," she said. "Being able to relieve that financial burden made me feel really grateful."

Grace credits her success to the foundation that Catholic education gave her, which she's had since kindergarten.

"If I didn't attend Catholic school my whole life, I wouldn't be where I am today," she said. "The small class sizes allowed me to build relationships with my teachers, ask questions and receive the support I needed to grow."

Outside the classroom, Grace embraced every opportunity to lead. She helped launch her school's Future Women in STEM club, co-founded a faith group called Lumen Faith and served as a leader in Sacred Heart High School's Elevate initiative.

Grace balanced work and academics, learning valuable lessons about perseverance, leadership and teamwork.

Grace says watching her mother's determination shaped her own work ethic. When Grace was younger, her mother openly shared the family's finances and helped her understand the value of every dollar and every opportunity.

That perspective also deepened her appreciation for the generosity of Catholic Education Foundation donors.

"I wouldn't be where I am without Catholic school and without CEF helping lower the cost of tuition," Grace said. "Thank you so much for giving students like me this opportunity."

A Catholic Education is an Advantage for Life



Caitlin

St. Bonaventure High School (Ventura)

When Caitlin graduated from St. Bonaventure High School this past spring of 2026, she left with much more than a diploma. She carried with her a deep faith, lasting friendships and the confidence to begin a new chapter as an elementary education major at Grand Canyon University, in the fall 2026 semester. Her journey is a testament to the life-changing impact of Catholic education and the generosity of donors who make it possible.

Having attended Catholic school since preschool, Caitlin describes her education as the foundation for the person she has become. The values of faith, humility and respect were not simply lessons taught in the classroom. They became guiding principles that shaped her daily life and strengthened her relationship with God.

"I truly believe a Catholic education is an advantage for life," Caitlin said.

Those words reflect an experience that transformed her outlook and prepared her for the future.

That faith became especially important during one of the most difficult periods of her life. As a sophomore, Caitlin struggled with depression while feeling overwhelmed by school and personal challenges. She admitted that she felt distant from God and questioned why she was facing such pain.

But she was never alone.

Her religion teachers, counselor and family surrounded her with compassion and encouragement. Through conversations with her counselor, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a confirmation retreat and a renewed commitment to prayer, Caitlin slowly rediscovered hope.

"I know God always has a plan," she said. "Now I feel like I'm at my happiest because I feel very close to God."

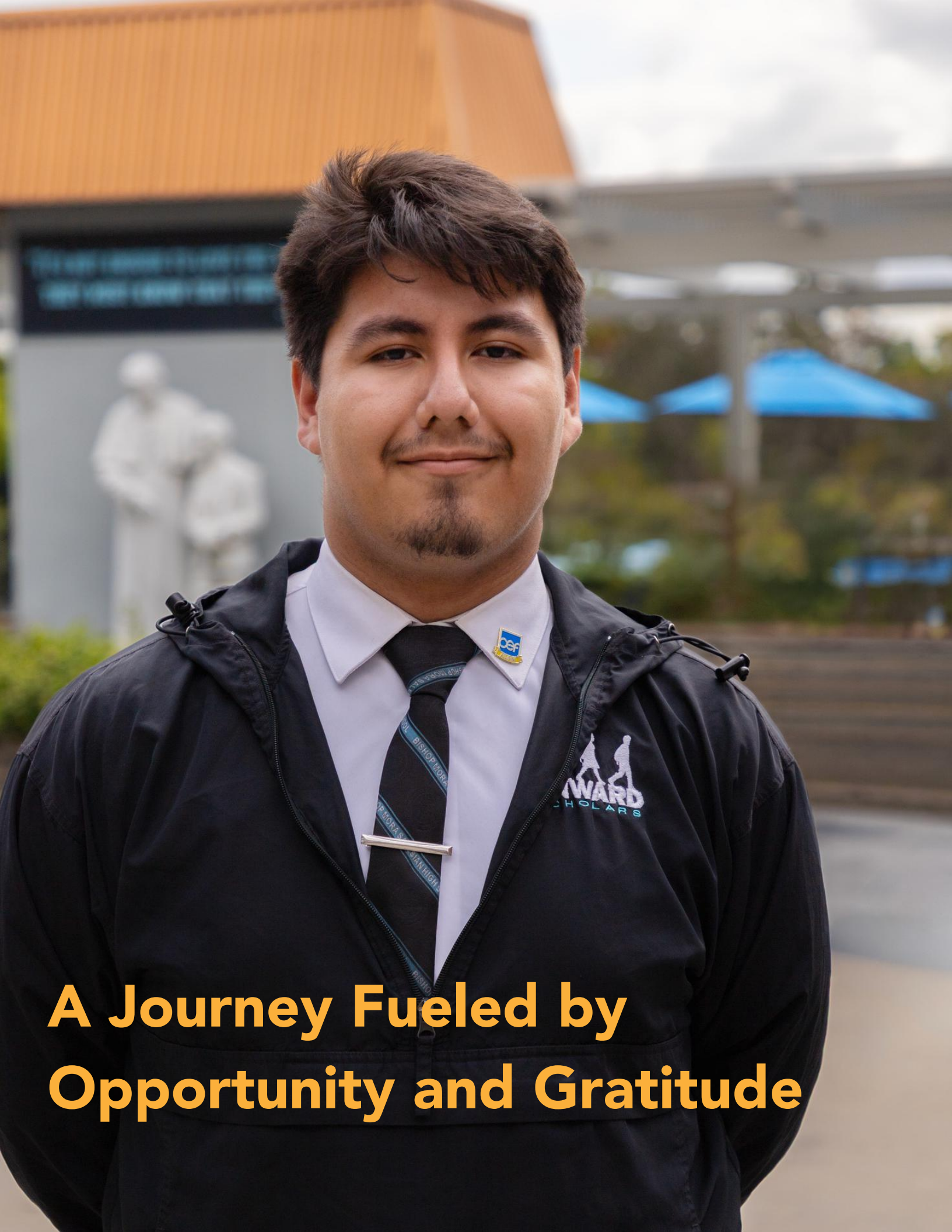
Beyond the classroom, Caitlin embraced the opportunities St. Bonaventure offered. She spent four years on the softball team, helping the Seraphs capture a CIF championship, participated in Campus Ministry, volunteered through Interact Club and discovered a passion for serving others. Her senior retreat became a defining moment of her high school experience, deepening both her faith and the bonds she shared with her classmates.

Although Caitlin once doubted she would attend a four-year university, encouragement from her counselor and teachers gave her the confidence to believe in herself.

None of it would have been possible without the generosity of the Catholic Education Foundation donors.

"If the donor was here, I would give them a hug," said Caitlin. "Thank you so much. Having a Catholic education is very beneficial."

Because of that generosity, Caitlin's story is not defined by the obstacles she faced, but by the future she now embraces with faith, hope and purpose.



A Journey Fueled by Opportunity and Gratitude

Cesar

Bishop Mora Salesian High School (Boyle Heights)

For Cesar, every school day began long before sunrise.

Growing up in a single-parent household, Cesar woke up at 3:30 a.m. to prepare lunch for himself and his younger brother before catching the bus from Watts to Bishop Mora Salesian High School in Boyle Heights. His mother worked long hours to keep both sons in Catholic schools, and Cesar was determined to do everything he could to lighten her burden.

“I always wanted to make things easier for my mom,” he said. “She worked so hard to keep us in Catholic education.”

Ironically, Cesar never planned to attend Catholic high school.

After attending San Miguel School, he intended to enroll in a local public magnet school. Everything changed when he was introduced to the Onward Scholars program and visited Salesian High School.

“The first time I came to campus, I felt the brotherhood,” he said. “Everyone welcomed me. I knew this was where I wanted to be.”

With the support of scholarships and tuition assistance, Cesar embraced every opportunity. He maintained the academic standards required as an Onward Scholar while serving as Spanish Honor Society president, an admissions ambassador, an altar server and a campus ministry leader.

His commitment extended beyond the classroom. For four summers, Cesar participated in the WGA Caddie Academy in Chicago, working six days a week while living independently on a college campus. The experience strengthened his confidence, introduced him to people from across the country and prepared him for life after high school.

“That program taught me to be comfortable with who I am,” Cesar said. “It helped me grow into the person I wanted to become.”

In the fall 2026 semester, Cesar began attending the University of Michigan, with an Evans Scholarship to study neuroscience with a minor in data science. His dream is to become a pediatric neurodevelopment specialist after he and his younger brother were both diagnosed with ADHD. Having a better understanding of the disorder has helped both of them, and Cesar wants to help others living with it.

Looking back, Cesar knows people shaped his path by believing in him before he believed in himself. He carries the values, faith and opportunities made possible by donors who invested in his future.

“Thank you. You didn’t just help me; you helped a single mom trying to keep her kids in Catholic education and gave me opportunities I never imagined. Thank you for being part of my journey,” said Cesar. “I thank you for what you have done and for what you're doing right now. More importantly, for what you'll continue to do for Catholic education.”

Pastoral Regions



Elementary School

High School

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles comprises five pastoral regions: Santa Barbara, San Fernando, Our Lady of the Angels, San Gabriel and San Pedro. This coverage is throughout Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles counties. During the 2025-26 school year, the Catholic Education Foundation supported students in 208 schools, including 176 elementary and 32 high schools.

Spanning 8,762 square miles across Southern California, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is the largest in the United States, and the reach of its mission is reflected in the vast geographical area it serves.

Tuition Based Awards	Schools	Awards	Disbursed
Our Lady of the Angels	43	4,246	$7,441,675
San Pedro	58	4,753	$8,171,250
San Gabriel	52	3,992	$7,181,925
San Fernando	38	2,711	$5,509,485
Santa Barbara	17	727	$1,478,000
TOTAL	208	16,429	$29,782,335


SAN FERNANDO
OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS
SAN GABRIEL
SAN PEDRO
Santa Barbara
San Fernando
Our Lady of the Angels
San Gabriel
San Pedro

Schools Attended By

Our Lady of the Angels

Ascension School
Bishop Conaty-Our Lady of Loretto High School
Cathedral Chapel School
Cathedral High School
Christ the King
Good Shepherd School
Holy Name of Jesus School
Holy Spirit School
Immaculate Conception School (Los Angeles)
Immaculate Heart High School
Immaculate Heart of Mary School
Loyola High School
Mother of Sorrows School
Nativity School (Los Angeles)
Notre Dame Academy High School
Our Lady of Loretto School
Our Lady of Malibu School
Our Mother of Good Counsel School
Precious Blood School
Saint Anne Mission School
St. Bernard High School
St. Cecilia School
St. Columbkille School
St. Eugene School
St. Frances X. Cabrini School
St. Jerome School
St. John Chrysostom School
St. Lawrence Brindisi School
St. Malachy School
St. Mark School
St. Mary's Academy
St. Michael School
St. Monica Preparatory
St. Odilia School
St. Paul School
St. Paul the Apostle School
St. Raphael School (Los Angeles)
St. Sebastian School (Los Angeles)
St. Thomas the Apostle School
St. Timothy School
St. Vincent School
Transfiguration School
Verbum Dei Jesuit High School

San Gabriel

All Souls School
Assumption of the BVM School
Bishop Amat Memorial High School
Bishop Mora Salesian High School
Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary High School
Damien High School
Dolores Mission School
Don Bosco Technical Institute
Epiphany School
Holy Angels School
Holy Family School (South Pasadena)
Holy Name of Mary School
Immaculate Conception School (Monrovia)
La Salle High School
Nativity School (El Monte)
Our Lady of Guadalupe School (Los Angeles)
Our Lady of Guadalupe School (Rose Hill)
Our Lady of Lourdes School (Los Angeles)
Our Lady of the Assumption School (Claremont)
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal School
Our Lady of the Rosary of Talpa School
Pomona Catholic High School
Pomona Catholic Middle School
Ramona Secondary School
Resurrection School
Sacred Heart High School
Sacred Heart School (Covina)
Sacred Heart School (Los Angeles)
San Antonio de Padua Pre-K
San Gabriel Mission High School
San Gabriel Mission School
Santa Isabel School
Santa Teresita School
St. Alphonsus School
St. Andrew School
St. Anthony School (San Gabriel)
St. Benedict School
St. Christopher School
St. Dorothy School
St. Frances of Rome School
St. John the Baptist School
St. Joseph School (La Puente)
St. Joseph School (Pomona)
St. Louis of France School
St. Louise de Marillac School
St. Luke School
St. Martha School
St. Philip the Apostle School
St. Rita School
St. Therese School
St. Thomas Aquinas School
St. Thomas More School

CEF Supported Students

San Fernando

Bishop Alemany High School
De La Salle School (St. John Baptist)
Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy
Guardian Angel School
Holy Family School (Glendale)
Holy Trinity School (Los Angeles)
Incarnation School
Mary Immaculate School
Our Lady of Grace School
Our Lady of Lourdes School (Northridge)
Our Lady of Lourdes School (Tujunga)
Our Lady of Peace School
Our Lady of Perpetual Help School (Santa Clarita)
Our Lady of the Valley School
Paraclete High School
Sacred Heart School (Lancaster)
Santa Rosa de Lima Catholic School
St. Bernard School (Los Angeles)
St. Bernardine of Siena School
St. Bridget of Sweden School
St. Charles Borromeo School
St. Cyril of Jerusalem School
St. Didacus School
St. Dominic School
St. Elisabeth School (Van Nuys)
St. Euphrasia School
St. Finbar School
St. Francis Xavier School
St. Genevieve High School
St. Genevieve School
St. Ignatius of Loyola School
St. Jane Frances de Chantal School
St. John Eudes School
St. Joseph the Worker School
St. Mary School (Palmdale)
St. Mel School
St. Patrick School
St. Robert Bellarmine School

Santa Barbara

Bishop Garcia Diego High School, INC
Holy Cross School
La Purisima Concepcion School
Notre Dame School
Our Lady of Guadalupe School (Oxnard)
Our Lady of the Assumption School (Ventura)
Sacred Heart School (Ventura)
Santa Clara High School
Santa Clara School
St. Anthony School (Oxnard)
St. Bonaventure High School
St. Joseph High School (Santa Maria)
St. Louis de Montfort School
St. Mary Magdalen School (Camarillo)
St. Mary of the Assumption School (Santa Maria)
St. Raphael School (Santa Barbara)
St. Sebastian School (Santa Paula)

San Pedro

Beatitudes of Our Lord School
Bishop Montgomery High School
Holy Innocents School
Holy Trinity School (San Pedro)
Junipero Serra High School
Maria Regina School
Mary Star of the Sea High School
Mary Star of the Sea School
Nativity School (Torrance)
Our Lady of Fatima School
Our Lady of Guadalupe School (Hermosa Beach)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help School (Downey)
Our Lady of Refuge School
Our Lady of the Rosary School
Our Lady of Victory School
San Miguel School
SS. Peter and Paul School
St. Albert the Great Middle School
St. Albert the Great School
St. Aloysius Gonzaga School
St. Anthony High School
St. Anthony of Padua School
St. Anthony School (Long Beach)
St. Athanasius School
St. Barnabas School
St. Bernard School (Bellflower)
St. Bruno School
St. Catherine Laboure School
St. Cornelius School
St. Cyprian School
St. Dominic Savio School
St. Emydius School
St. Gertrude School
St. Gregory the Great School
St. Helen School
St. Hilary School
St. John Bosco High School
St. John Fisher School
St. John of God School
St. Joseph High School (Lakewood)
St. Joseph School (Hawthorne)
St. Lawrence Martyr School
St. Linus School
St. Lucy School
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque School
St. Maria Goretti School
St. Marianne de Paredes School
St. Mary of the Assumption School (Whittier)
St. Matthias School
St. Pancratius School
St. Paul High School
St. Paul of the Cross School
St. Philip Neri School
St. Philomena School
St. Pius X School
St. Pius X St. Matthias Academy
St. Raymond School
St. Rose of Lima School (Maywood)

Trustees Open Doors to the

For Catholic Education Foundation Trustees Dr. Susan Welsh and Charlie Smith, sharing the mission of CEF is personal. This year, both opened their doors to friends and colleagues, creating opportunities for new supporters to learn how CEF is helping make a Catholic education possible for thousands of students across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

At the Jonathan Beach Club, Susan and her husband, John, welcomed friends for an evening centered on faith, opportunity and the transformative power of Catholic education. Susan shared her own experience attending Catholic schools within the Archdiocese and explained why the foundation's mission remains so meaningful to her.

"This foundation gives families the chance to give their children a better future," Susan told guests.

At Susan's gathering, guests heard directly from Cesar, a senior at Bishop Mora Salesian High School and longtime CEF scholar. He spoke about his mother's determination to provide a Catholic education for her children and the support that helped make that dream possible. Cesar shared his accomplishments and his goal of becoming a doctor who serves children with neurodevelopmental disorders.

"I am here because my mother's efforts were met with people who were willing to support her dream for her children," Cesar said.

His message captured the heart of CEF's mission: when a family receives tuition assistance, the impact extends far beyond a single award. It can shape a student's education, future and ability to serve others.















Mission of Catholic Education

Charlie and his wife, Tracy, welcomed guests at the JLL office in downtown Los Angeles. Guests came together through a shared connection to Catholic education. Many had attended Catholic schools themselves and were eager to learn more about the challenges families face today in affording a faith-based education.

At both gatherings, CEF Executive Director Doug Cooper provided a broader look at the foundation's impact and the growing need for tuition assistance.

The two gatherings offered different settings but shared a common purpose of building relationships and inviting more people to learn about the Catholic Education Foundation. By bringing friends and colleagues together to hear about families' needs and CEF students' experiences, Susan and Charlie helped turn awareness into meaningful conversations about opportunity, faith and the benefits of making Catholic education accessible to more students.









Celebrating the Impact

In November 2025, supporters, school leaders, clergy and friends of the Catholic Education Foundation gathered at the Jonathan Club in Downtown Los Angeles for CEF's second annual Impact Report Launch Party. The evening celebrated the people at the heart of our mission: the students whose lives are being transformed through access to a Catholic education.

Guests were welcomed by student ambassadors from Damien High School, Bishop Conaty Our Lady of Loretto High School and Bishop Amat Memorial High School. Throughout the evening, students shared their talents through music and entertainment, including pianists from San Gabriel









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Mission High School, singers from Bishop Amat, Spanish guitarists from Bishop Mora Salesian High School and DJs and singers from Bishop Conaty.

The evening also brought CEF's 2025 Impact Report to life. Larger than life displays of the report's pages allowed guests to walk through stories of students whose journeys were made possible, in part, through the generosity of CEF supporters. Many of the featured students were there to share their experiences firsthand, creating meaningful connections between the stories in the report and the people behind them.

CEF Executive Director Doug Cooper reflected on the progress made through the generosity of the CEF community. During 2024-2025 school year, CEF provided more than 16,000 tuition awards





totaling over $25 million to students attending more than 200 Catholic schools throughout Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

CEF President Colleen Roohan reminded guests that behind every number is a student and a family whose lives are being changed.

"This Impact Report truly validates what we know to be very true. Our Catholic schools really matter," she said. "Lives are changed because of their Catholic education as our students become lifelong learners and change makers in their very own communities."

















One of the evening's most powerful moments came from Nicholas Gamboa, a CEF supported recent graduate of Damien High School. Nicholas shared how his Catholic education helped him discover a deeper sense of faith, purpose and service.

"Because of the Catholic Education Foundation, I didn't just acquire new knowledge, but I learned to

























have faith. I don't just have plans for the future, but I have a purpose," Nicholas said. "That's what makes a Catholic education so powerful."

His words captured the heart of the evening. The Impact Report is more than a collection of numbers and stories. It is a reflection of what happens when a community comes together to invest in students and give families the opportunity to choose a Catholic education.



CEF is deeply grateful to everyone who joined the celebration and helped make the evening possible. Special thanks were extended to generous underwriters CEF Trustee Henry Matson and his wife, Paulette, along with an anonymous donor. Their generosity helped bring the evening to life and, more importantly, reflects the spirit of partnership that makes a real difference in the lives of CEF students.

Fittingly, the celebration took place on November 1, 2025, the night the Los Angeles Dodgers secured another World Series championship. The Launch Party became one of the most memorable, entertaining and inspiring watch parties in Los Angeles. It was an unforgettable evening of celebration, gratitude and renewed commitment to the students who inspire CEF's mission every day.













Click here to view our Launch Party video!

Night at the Range Brings Community







What began as a new fundraising tradition in 2024 has quickly become a favorite CEF gathering, bringing friends, families, school leaders and supporters together for an evening of fellowship, friendly competition and generosity. The Catholic Education Foundation hosted two Night at the Range events at Topgolf venues in Montebello and El Segundo, raising more than $130,000 combined to provide tuition assistance for students attending Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.



The year's first Night at the Range at Topgolf Montebello welcomed more than 150 guests and raised over $60,000 for tuition assistance. The evening was filled with laughter and excitement as guests connected with friends and colleagues, enjoyed friendly competition and cheered on their teams. Washington Iron Works claimed first place, followed by Parking Company of America in second and Bishop Mora Salesian High School in third.

The event also reflected the strong partnership between CEF and the Catholic school community, with representatives from schools throughout the region joining the celebration. CEF is especially grateful to Trustee Frank Sanchez, whose innovative idea helped





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launch Night at the Range and establish it as an annual tradition. Trustees Tom Romano and Charlie Smith also served as captains for the Montebello event, helping make the evening a success.

The momentum continued in April at Topgolf El Segundo, where nearly 150 supporters gathered and helped raise more than $70,000. Guests once again enjoyed an evening of fellowship, laughter and spirited competition while coming together around a shared commitment to Catholic education. Renee and Pep Valdes and family took first place, followed by the Kristi and J.C. Frey Team in second and Margot and Tom Barron and family in third. Randy Luten also earned recognition as the Closest to the Pin winner in the Hole in One contest.

Both events demonstrated what is possible when the CEF community comes together with a shared purpose. Generous Albatross and Eagle sponsors, along with participating schools, trustees, families, friends and supporters, helped transform two fun-filled evenings into meaningful opportunities for students.

CEF extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported Night at the Range. More than $130,000 raised means more students will have access to the life-changing opportunity of a Catholic education. What started as an innovative idea has grown into a tradition that brings people together and makes a lasting difference in the lives of students and families.

Smart & Final: A Partnership with All the Right Ingredients

For the Smart & Final Charitable Foundation, supporting education has long been central to its commitment to giving back. A recent $25,000 grant to the Catholic Education Foundation has expanded that commitment, helping Catholic school families access an education they value but may not otherwise afford.

The connection began through Smart & Final's Daniel Sosa, Director of Business Sales and Development, who works with nonprofit organizations to increase their grocery savings. After learning about CEF, he helped open the door to a conversation about how the foundation could support tuition assistance for students attending Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

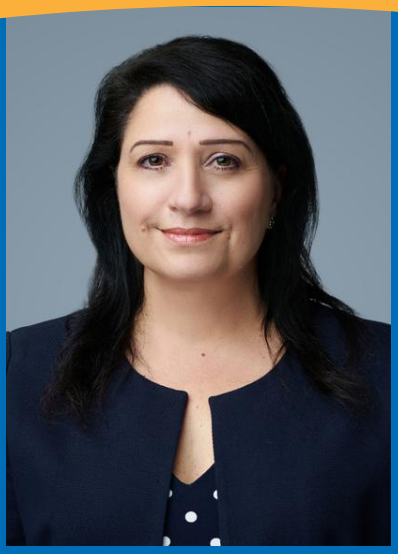
For Tinamarie Squieri, Director of Smart & Final Charitable Foundation, the foundation's support also has a deep personal connection. She attended Catholic school for 12 years, including St. Gertrude the Great School in Bell Gardens and St. Joseph High School in Lakewood. She appreciated the uniforms and sense of community.

"Everybody was equal because we all dressed the same. Nobody knew anybody's economic background, and it was wonderful," said Tinamarie.

That experience helped her understand the significance of CEF's mission for families facing financial challenges.

"To understand that there are so many students who want to attend Catholic schools but can't afford it, and understanding you're able to help them be able to do this was a no-brainer for me," she said.

CEF's approach particularly resonated with her. Families contribute what they can toward tuition while CEF provides assistance to help ensure students are not forced to leave their schools when financial hardship strikes.



"Personally, because I've come through it, I know how valuable it is. That's why I really want to see us be able to give back that way," Tinamarie said.

Having met CEF students and their families, Tinamarie has seen firsthand how that support can extend far beyond tuition assistance.

"Your commitment doesn't stop with the dollars that you're giving," she said. "It's far-reaching. It goes into their future, and you just don't know what that child will accomplish because of the support they're receiving, and how many other children they're going to touch in their life because they were blessed with this education."

For corporations and foundations considering a partnership with CEF, Tinamarie sees an opportunity to create lasting impact.

"I just pray you're still here 50 years from now," she said. "To help future families make changes in those children's lives, to get them into a place where they know they can be successful, they can grow, they can shine."

Through partnerships like this one, corporate philanthropy can help open doors for students today while investing in the families and communities they will shape tomorrow.

Smart & Final
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

A Legacy of Giving Opportunities of Success

For Angelo Mazzone III, a Catholic education is not simply something he believes in. He has experienced it firsthand.

Growing up in Chicago, Angelo attended Catholic school as a child and continued his Catholic education at Fenwick High School. His Catholic education gave him more than an academic foundation as it helped shape the values and perspective that have guided him throughout his life.

When it came time for college, Angelo had his heart set on attending the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and enrolled on a scholarship as the football team's manager. That's when he saw how well his Catholic education had prepared him.

"I felt I was so much ahead of the cream of the crop, and I believe that was the Catholic education," Angelo said.

That experience helped shape Angelo's enduring belief in the power of Catholic education.

"There's nothing that could change the trajectory of somebody's life other than education," he said. "And I think Catholic education is especially meaningful because it not only educates them, but it creates the values that they walk away with."

That conviction drew Angelo to the Catholic Education Foundation of Los Angeles. Introduced to CEF by Patti and John O'Keefe several years ago, Angelo was inspired by the foundation's mission to help students receive an education that their families otherwise might not be able to afford.

For Angelo, the impact is clear. CEF gives students an opportunity to remain in Catholic schools and benefit from the education, formation and opportunities that come with it.



Pictured above is Angelo Mazzone meeting Pope Leo XIV.

"The most important thing that stands out is that they probably wouldn't be in a Catholic school if it wasn't for CEF," he said. "The second thing is that they end up really having a tremendous opportunity that probably they never would if it weren't for CEF."

That belief has led Angelo to think beyond what his support can accomplish today. After attending a dinner celebrating the importance of CEF's mission earlier this year, he made a commitment to include CEF among the institutions that will benefit from his estate.

Angelo's legacy gift will provide future generations of students the opportunity to experience the same kind of transformative education that shaped his own life.

Angelo has a simple message for others who believe in CEF's mission:
"Give, give, give, and make it long-term."

We are truly grateful to Angelo for his friendship, partnership and leadership in legacy giving.

To discuss legacy giving opportunities, please contact Doug Cooper at (213) 637-7319

Financials

Unaudited as of Fiscal Year End 2025
(June 30, 2026)

Statement of Financial Position

Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$82,597,399	
Restricted Cash	$97,362,910	
Grant/Pledge Receivable	$1,611,841	
Split Interest Agreements, Net	$508,959	
Beneficial Interest in Trusts	$884,394	
Pooled Investments and Endowment	$62,966,962	
Investment in Watson Land	$210,075,225	(a)
Investment in Shea Venture Opportunity Fund	$609,439	(b)
Prepaid Expenses	$35,369	
Total Assets	**$456,652,497**	

Liabilities and Net Assets	
Total Liabilities	**$9,699,225**
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	$419,838,894
Change in Net Assets	$27,114,378
Net Assets, End of Year	**$446,953,272**
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	**$456,652,497**

(a) Stock shares in a non-liquid private REIT investment.
(b) Non-liquid Investment.

Statement of Activities

Revenues		
Donations and Grant Revenue	$4,496,967	(a)
Investment Return, Net	$7,537,367	
Other Investments Gain/(Loss)	$35,222,304	(b)
Dividend Income from Other Investments	$12,460,075	(c)
Total Revenues	**$59,716,713**	

Expenses	
Tuition and Non-tuition Programs	$29,878,125
Total Program Expenses	**$29,878,125**
Employee Compensation and Benefits	$2,110,875
General Operating Expenses	$262,002
Fundraising Expenses	$351,332
Total Operating Expenses	**$2,724,209**

(a) Current use donations do not include $13,470,686 of pledge receivables.
(b) Gain in non-liquid investments.
(c) Funds tuition awards and operating expenses.

FY2026 Impact Report Financials

Letter from the Finance Committee Chair

Established in 1987, the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) is committed to ensuring that Catholic education remains accessible to students and families who might otherwise be unable to afford it. For nearly four decades, CEF has expanded its reach and impact while remaining grounded in its founding values of faith, stewardship and service.

We take pride in the consistent performance of our investments and regard the strength of our mission as a reflection of our commitment to excellence and sustainability.

Our strategic priority is to increase the amount of tuition assistance awarded to students, a goal that requires continued growth in both our endowment and annual fundraising efforts.

We are grateful for the generosity of our donors and partners, whose commitment makes this mission possible. As we approach our 40th anniversary, we remain committed to strengthening Catholic education and expanding opportunities for students and families across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.



Joseph T. Viola
Finance Committee Chair

Honor Roll

Gifts received between July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Corporations, Foundations, Organizations and Trusts

$1,000,000+

The Fama Family Charitable Fund
Shea Family Charities

$100,000 - $999,999

KLM Foundation
Perenchio Foundation
The Porteous Family Foundation
Silent Partner Grants
Smet Foundation
Steinmetz Foundation

$50,000 - $99,999

Chapman Family Foundation
Lund Family Foundation

$25,000 - $49,999

Anonymous
The Benevity Community Impact Fund
Capital Group Companies, Inc.
The Casey Foundation
Carrie Estelle Doheny Foundation
The Luppe and Paula Luppen Family Foundation
Peter W. Mullin Administrative Trust
I. A. O'Shaughnessy Foundation
Smart and Final Charitable Foundation
Von Der Ahe Foundation

$10,000 - $24,999

The Cody Family Foundation
Dugan Charitable Trust
The Ferry Family Charitable Foundation
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
Interior Removal Specialist, Inc.
Koch Foundation
NADA Foundation
Parishioners Federal Credit Union
The Selders Foundation
The Timothy and Judith Smith Family Foundation

$500 - $9,999

Acrisure, West Division
Banc of California Charitable Foundation
Bishop Alemany High School
Bishop Amat High School
Bishop Montgomery High School
Bishop Mora Salesian High School
Camino Real Chevrolet
Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary High School
Cathedral High School
Catholic Association of Latino Leaders
Catholic Cemeteries and Mortuaries
Catholic Community Foundation of Los Angeles
Chelsea Management
James J. Cotter Foundation
DeBriyn Foundation
Gene Haas Foundation
William H. Hannon Foundation
Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
LMU Center for Catholic Education
Allen Lund Company
Mount Saint Mary's University
Paraclete High School
The Ralph M. Parsons Foundation
Pomona Catholic High School
The Rager & Yoon Employment Lawyers
Sacred Heart High School
Sacred Heart Parish
Sisters of Charity (BVM)
Michael and Patricia Smith Foundation
Norman F. Sprague Jr. Foundation
St. Alphonsus School
St. Basil Parish - Korean Apostolate
St. Bruno School
St. Genevieve High School
St. Gregory the Great School
St. Joseph High School (Lakewood)
St. Mary of the Assumption School (Whittier)
St. Paul High School
St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy
St. Vincent Parish
Suncoast West Foundation
Vasquez & Company LLP
Washington Iron Works

UP TO $499

Anonymous (2)
Bob Smith BMW
Christ the King School
Counseling Partners of Los Angeles
Damien High School
Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope
Maria Regina Parish
Sacred Heart School (Los Angeles)
Santa Clara High School
Santa Teresita School
St. Anthony High School
St. Mary's School (Palmdale)
St. Vincent School
The Association of Catholic Student Councils (TACSC)

Individuals

$25,000 - $100,000

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$10,000 - $24,999

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