

SPECIAL APPEAL

Dear Christ the King Extended Family:

We are on a mission at Christ the King School. A mission to bring an engaging, rigorous, expansive education to our students in a safe, respectful, faithful community setting – during a worldwide crisis. **We need your help!**

Christ the King School opened in 1938 under the leadership of Sr. Ann Fix and a group of IHM Sisters. The Great Depression raked the nation, but the parish made its way through that crisis. Today, Covid-19 is still giving us a challenge. Our socially distanced classrooms are safe, with our recently re-built Fresh Air Circulation system.

We are committed to these children. We must be here for them. We are faith-based, so we all need to put the Gospel into action, as Jesus tells us at the climax of the Sermon on the Mount. We need to prove that Black Lives Matter and We Are All One.

Our principal, Mr. Ivan Branson has decades of educational experience, but more critically, he has a vision and a "can do" spirit. He believes in "motivating every student to be *accountable* for his or her own education."

Our families face unemployment, racism and disproportionately high numbers of death in the family. We see their pain. We do not receive State funds. The Catholic Services Appeal helps. However, more than half of our families live in poverty. It costs about \$6,200 to educate each student, but we are holding tuition at \$4,200 this year. For those families below the poverty line, we use a sliding scale to determine their tuition. Donations to our **Scholarship Program** keep us solvent.

"Scholarship" can suggest helping a *few bright* students. But we see these scholarships as a way to support *many motivated* students – students who make the effort to develop good study habits, maintain good citizenship, be willing to volunteer in service projects, and help tutor younger kids. In other words, students who are *accountable* for their well-rounded education. In that way, students themselves "earn" a scholarship to supplement their tuition.

Many of you receiving this appeal attended Christ the King yourself. You have benefited from a quality education. Last winter, a grandfather brought his granddaughter to school. As he was leaving, he told a volunteer in the office how well his three young adult sons are doing after their education at Christ the King. His eyes got teary as he said, "Thank you for schooling my children."

Thank you,

Fr. Victor Clore, Pastor

Mr. Ivan Branson, Principal

Please help us. We are a beacon of hope for families in this community.

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