



THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT THOMAS MORE

Dear Parents,

Thomas More, our patron Saint and one of the most dedicated proponents of education, said that “[O]ne of the greatest problems of our time is that many are schooled but few are educated.” At STM, our students are formed, not just taught. They learn academics and the arts, but they also learn to be, “God’s servants.” This is an education for life, not just for the next lesson.

We are thrilled to announce two major gifts which will create opportunities for students and their families to experience all that our Cathedral School has to offer.

In addition to contributions and matching gifts provided by another donor, STM received a \$90,000 gift to augment our differentiated educational options for a new initiative, The Bridges to More Fund. This generous gift has had a profound impact not just on our students, but in professional training for our faculty. The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has pledged to continue supporting our efforts with an annual gift of \$10,000 with the expressed hope that this initiative encourage other parents in their hope of a Catholic education for their children. The program and training benefits not just the students in our differentiated program, but indeed all our students and their families. As Bishop Burbidge has said “[students with special needs] ‘show others the face of Christ and bring out the best in all of us. It is my expressed desire and hope and intention to makes these expansion programs part of every parish and every school.’”

Through an amazing bequest of \$225,000, we have established The Carl H. Sebenius, Jr. and Marie C. Sebenius Saint Thomas More Cathedral Parish Endowment Fund which will support Scholarships at our Cathedral School. Last year we supported 42 families through \$264,000 in tuition assistance. The annual accrued interest from this Fund will be used to strengthen our financial aid program. “Catholic education and formation are more important than ever in an age awash in information often transmitted without wisdom or critical sense.” Pope Francis

We are grateful to these donors for their commitment to, and investment in, our students. These gifts are a testament to the expertise of our faculty, the dedication of our parents, and the grace of God, to whom we owe all our blessings. We, along with them, are confident that our Parish and School community will support our efforts.

Please consider making a gift today to the Sebenius Scholarship Fund, or the Bridges to More Fund. Together, we can show every child that they are *#designedforMore*.

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In Christ,


Very Rev. Patrick L. Posey, V.F.
Rector


Mrs. Ann LaBarge
Principal