



Saint John Catholic School, 816 S. Keeler Ave., Bartlesville, OK 74003

August 24, 2021

Feast of Saint Bartholomew

Dear Saint John Catholic School families:

As Bishop Konderla announced in July of this year, a new scholarship granting organization (“SGO”) serving our Catholic schools will be launched *next month* in the Diocese of Tulsa & Eastern Oklahoma. The new scholarship granting organization will provide tax credit scholarships to K-12 students who may not otherwise be able to afford the gift of Catholic education. This new opportunity will be an easy way to give to our Catholic schools and to receive an Oklahoma state income tax credit. Bishop Konderla believes this is the best path forward for our Catholic schools, and we are excited for it to launch soon in our community.

Many have asked about GO for Catholic Schools. We appreciate all GO has done to support our schools since 2012. Our relationship with GO will conclude after the distributions of the tax credit scholarships for the 2021-22 academic year. The new SGO launched by Bishop Konderla will be the official SGO of our diocesan Catholic schools and all participating private Catholic schools. Also, it will be the only SGO authorized to solicit donors and raise funds on behalf of our families who attend our Catholic schools.

I am happy to share that the new SGO kickoff and reveal is scheduled for early September with printed materials, a website launch, and events. As your principal, I believe this new opportunity to support our families will be a great benefit to our Catholic school community.

Thank you to those who have supported GO in previous years, and I pray you will continue your support of Catholic schools through this new opportunity initiated by Bishop Konderla. For those who have not yet contributed to an SGO, we prayerfully hope for your support of Catholic education for years to come.

If you have any questions or would like further information about this new opportunity, please let me know. As well, I encourage you to speak to Mr. Derek Lyssy, Stewardship and Development Director for the Diocese and/or Mr. David Dean, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese. They welcome your inquiries and would love to help you learn more about the new SGO and all it can do for our schools.

In Christ,

*Cristel Miller*

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