



inner-city scholarship fund  
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# Newsletter of Inner-City Scholarship Fund

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## Celebrating a New Chapter

**On December 18, 2025, Pope Leo XIV appointed the Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks, Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois, as the next Archbishop of New York.**

A native of Chicago, Archbishop Hicks was installed as Archbishop of New York on February 6, 2026, at St. Patrick's Cathedral. We join our colleagues across the Archdiocese in welcoming Archbishop Hicks and looking forward to this new chapter.

We also express our gratitude to Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, whose years of faithful service as Archbishop of New York have left an enduring impact on the Archdiocese. Cardinal Dolan has been a dedicated champion of students and families, especially those in struggling communities. His leadership and support of Inner-City Scholarship Fund have transformed the lives of countless students by helping us provide access to a quality, values-based Catholic education rooted in faith and service to others.

**We are especially excited to welcome Archbishop Hicks at a meaningful moment for our organization.**

This past June, Inner-City Scholarship Fund, together with the Archdiocese of New York, completed the move of our headquarters from 1011 First Avenue to 488 Madison Avenue, directly across the street from St. Patrick's Cathedral. This move, along with the arrival of Archbishop Hicks, marks a time of new beginnings as we continue to strengthen our mission in service to students and families.

Inner-City Scholarship Fund remains committed to providing life-changing educational opportunities for children throughout the Archdiocese. We look forward to working closely with Archbishop Hicks and continuing to serve our students. 

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

As winter settles in and a new year continues to unfold, I am grateful for the opportunity to highlight our work in this newsletter and reflect on the hope that Inner-City Scholarship Fund bestows on thousands of students and families each year. I am personally grateful for Cardinal Dolan's partnership throughout my tenure at Inner-City. His support and kind leadership have been so impactful to our work. We are delighted to welcome Archbishop Hicks to the Archdiocese of New York and look forward to working with him to further Inner-City's mission.

At the heart of that mission is a faithful commitment to Catholic education. Each scholarship we provide represents more than financial assistance. Our support for the students and families we serve is an investment in the unwavering belief that every student deserves the opportunity to learn, grow and chart a pathway toward a brighter future.

Throughout the Archdiocese of New York in 2025, thousands of students were once again able to begin or remain in Catholic schools thanks to the generosity of so many. The emphasis on values and the delivery of a high-quality education rooted in faith develops these young men and women into the future leaders of our communities.

A renewed thank you to all our supporters for being an essential part of our mission and for helping us to uphold the vital role that Catholic education plays in the lives of our students. 🙏

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill Lloyd". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jill Turner Lloyd

*Executive Director, Inner-City Scholarship Fund*

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*Elaine and Ken Langone with His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan*

## A Smashing Success for Our Students!

Inner-City Scholarship Fund's 48th Annual Awards Dinner honoring Elaine and Ken Langone raised a record-breaking \$5.5 million! A special thank you goes out to our co-chairs: Edward D. Herlihy, Esq., and Thomas S. Murphy, Jr.

A talented student choir from Good Shepherd School kicked off the night for us. The event concluded with a fabulous performance by Frank Shiner, accompanied by Jon Colbert.

Our student speaker, Devyn H., is a sophomore at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx. Despite Devyn bravely sharing with the crowd that he has a stutter, in his words, he shared his story "loudly, proudly, and most important, confidently."

Raised as an only child in a close-knit Afro-Caribbean family in the Bronx, Devyn's journey is rooted in his Catholic faith and a commitment to his community. As a transit enthusiast and aspiring mechanical engineer, Devyn dreams of one day improving New York City's transportation infrastructure, specifically in connecting the Bronx more directly to Albany on Metro North.

Devyn attributes much of his success to his Catholic education, made possible by his scholarship. "As a recipient of this scholarship since middle school, your generosity has helped me thrive and become the young man I am today. Without the help of Inner-City Scholarship Fund, my mother wouldn't have been able to afford sending me to Catholic school on her own," said Devyn.

In response to hearing Devyn's story, Ken Langone emphatically stated, "When you see that young

man come up here tonight and overcome a stuttering condition and talking about what he wants to do in life, if we don't help that young man live his life, shame on us. **Because, the reality is, if you save one child, you save the world. And that's what this is all about.**"

We are so grateful to everyone who made this record-breaking event such a tremendous success. There are thousands of students, like Devyn, who have big dreams for the future of New York City. We are so proud to help those dreams come true by providing access to a Catholic education that opens doors of opportunity to students across the Archdiocese of New York. 🙏



*Devyn H., Student Speaker*

# Welcome to the Board of Trustees, L. Christopher Quick!

Mr. Quick launched The Quick Group in 2025 and works with individuals, families, foundations, and corporations to build diversified, multi-asset class portfolios of bonds, stocks and ETFs for their liquid assets. In addition, Chris provides advice on a wide range of services in alternative investments, cash management, concentrated stock, estate planning, insurance and retirement planning. Prior to launching The Quick Group, he had a 19-year career as an advisor working at Lehman Brothers, Barclays Capital and Stifel Financial. Chris



graduated from Colgate University, where he was a member of the squash team. He was a co-founder of the Adeona Foundation in 2008. He lives in New York with his wife and two children.

The Quick family has had a long-standing commitment to Inner-City Scholarship Fund since its inception in 1971. Chris continues the family's proud legacy of involvement along with his uncle Tom Quick, who is on the Board of Trustees, and his aunt Patricia Quick, who recently transitioned to Trustee Emeritus. 🇺🇸

## A Possible New Way to Support Students

### PLEASE LEND YOUR VOICE...

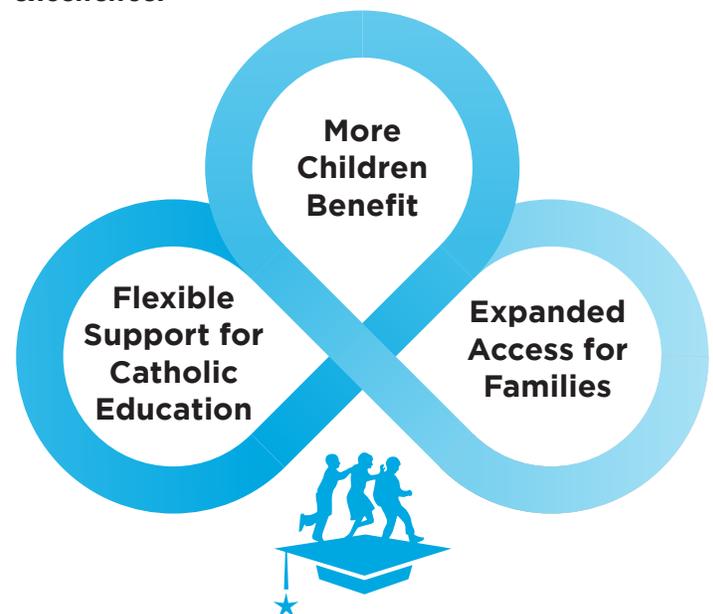
The Catholic Church teaches that parents are the primary educators of their children and that public policy should support families in fulfilling this important responsibility. A new federal initiative offers New York an opportunity to do just that, if state leaders choose to act.

Congress has established the federal **Individual Tax Credit for K-12 Scholarship Contributions**, which offers a nonrefundable dollar-for-dollar credit of up to **\$1,700 per individual** for cash contributions to qualified Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs). This program has the potential to greatly benefit K-12 students served by organizations like Inner-City Scholarship Fund that provide scholarships to help families afford educational options, including Catholic schools. However, states must opt in for families to benefit. The program is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2027.

If adopted in New York, this initiative would expand access to Catholic education and assist lower- and middle-income families in having a choice for their child's education.

New York families will only benefit if Governor Kathy Hochul chooses to opt into the program. 🇺🇸

*We encourage readers to contact Governor Hochul's office and urge her to support this opportunity for families seeking a high-quality Catholic education rooted in values and academic excellence.*



# The 36th Annual Saint Thomas More Award Luncheon

Honorees Katherine J. Brennan and Mary McCann collectively raise over \$600,000 for Inner-City Scholarship Fund and the students it supports.

**Mary McCann**, Chief Risk Officer at S&P Global, received the John P. Cooney, Jr. Award for Mentorship & Community Involvement. She told the crowd, “Inner-City Scholarship Fund’s mission deeply resonates with me because I am a product of the very values you’re working to uphold. You’re not just funding tuition, you’re shaping futures. You’re building a foundation that strengthens our city, our profession, and our shared humanity.”

**Our student speaker, Gia C.**, a senior at Cathedral High School, said about her scholarship: “Without worrying about how my mother would manage tuition, I have been able to focus entirely on my studies and seize opportunities as they arise. I feel blessed that I never had to give up the idea of going to such a good school, and for my mom, knowing I am getting a great education in such a loving, supportive environment is a relief beyond measure.”

**Katherine J. Brennan**, General Counsel at Marsh McLennan, was presented with the prestigious Saint Thomas More Award. “Inner-City Scholarship Fund provides over 9,000 scholarships each year, giving students in New York access to schools with teachers who, like your favorite teachers and mine, will leave a lasting impact,” said Kate.



*Gia C., Student Speaker*

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 36th Annual Saint Thomas More Award Luncheon. The generous funds raised from the luncheon will directly impact the lives of students like Gia C. across the Archdiocese of New York. 🙏



*Katherine Brennan and Mary McCann*



*Scholarship Recipients*

# The Junior Board of Inner-City Scholarship Fund

Our Junior Board provided several fun events for students this fall, including a Halloween party at Our Lady Queen of Angels and a Christmas party at St. Charles Borromeo School.



*Halloween Party*

Students and volunteers played games, made crafts, and decorated desserts. School parties are always a great way to give back to the students and also to meet other Junior Board members.

In November, the Junior Board also hosted the first “Educational Adventure Day” at Transfiguration School. Students had a blast exploring the wonders of fire and ice through hands-on experiments and creating fun themed crafts, right in the comfort of their own school.

On December 10, the Junior Board’s annual holiday fundraiser was held at Broome St. Project, raising over \$18,000. All proceeds will be used to provide scholarships and enrichment programs for our students, who remain grateful for the dedication of our volunteers.

Please email [Juniors@InnerCityNYC.org](mailto:Juniors@InnerCityNYC.org) for more information on how to get involved. 🙌



*Co-Chairs of the Junior Board*

## Friendship and Fundraising on the Greens

The 49th Annual Golf Fore Catholic Schools LPGA Pro-Am at Siwanoy Country Club raised a record-breaking \$460,000.

Special thanks to our presenting sponsors BNY and CAPTRUST and to all of the wonderful LPGA pros who made the event such a success.

The generous support of our sponsors, golfers, and donors is crucial to the continued success of our mission. By investing in students, we empower them with the knowledge, skills, and Catholic values necessary to thrive in college, their careers, and their communities.

We look forward to hosting this event next year on September 15, 2026. Email [Caforo@InnerCityNYC.org](mailto:Caforo@InnerCityNYC.org) for more information. 🙌



## Meet Mayasa M., a 17-year-old senior at Academy of Mount Saint Ursula.

Mayasa hasn't always attended a Catholic school. She says "when I switched to my Catholic school, I felt it was more competitive, which drove me to improve my grades. I went from 60s in math to now always having 90s and 100s. My Catholic school shows me that I can be better."

In addition to helping her grades improve, Mayasa says her Catholic school education has given her a dedication to serving others. "Our school runs on Serviam, which is Latin for I will serve." Because of this core pillar of her Ursuline education, Mayasa has been inspired to practice this by serving as vice president of both student council and Engineering Tomorrow club and as a mentor to freshmen at her school. "I just love being a student leader and advocating for my class. I want to make sure everybody feels heard, because sometimes I haven't felt heard in life."

Mayasa had the wonderful opportunity to have a visit with her sponsors, Margaret and Drew Watson, this fall. She says "It was really great meeting with my sponsor. Mr. Watson went to Fordham Preparatory School, so we have a similar Catholic school experience and an understanding of each other."

Margaret Watson told us, "I am a strong believer in a Catholic education. My husband, Drew, as a non-Catholic, likes the safe environment that Catholic schools provide which is conducive to learning and

the emphasis on the basics. The Catholic values that were reinforced when I attended Catholic school have served me well throughout my life."

Most of all, Mayasa says she has learned about gratitude in her Catholic school. "The scholarship has helped a lot financially. My mom is the only one who has been supporting me. The scholarship has provided opportunities to make connections with other people and build my religious journey. Even though I am not Catholic myself, I still feel that this Catholic school journey has helped me to build a relationship with God. I don't know what my academic status would be like without the scholarship, so I am really appreciative."

If you are interested in sponsoring a student like Mayasa, there are thousands of students across the Archdiocese of New York who could use your support.

Email [Banuelos-Moriel@InnerCityNYC.org](mailto:Banuelos-Moriel@InnerCityNYC.org) for more information on how you can start your journey in sponsoring a student. 🙏



*Mayasa with her sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Watson*



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## SAVE THE DATE

49th Annual FRIENDS Gala on May 12, 2026, at Cipriani 42nd Street

50th Annual Golf Fore Catholic Schools on September 15, 2026, at Siwanoy Country Club

37th Annual Saint Thomas More Award Luncheon on October 21, 2026, at Cipriani 42nd Street

## INNER-CITY BY THE NUMBERS

OUR STUDENTS

99%

of high school seniors graduate

98%

are accepted to pursue post-secondary education

80%

of students live near the federal poverty level

OUR SCHOOLS

91%

of students enrolled are minorities

40%

of students are non-Catholic

OUR IMPACT

9,000+

scholarships provided annually

\$20M+

in scholarships awarded annually