



Light the Way

Catholic Education Appeal

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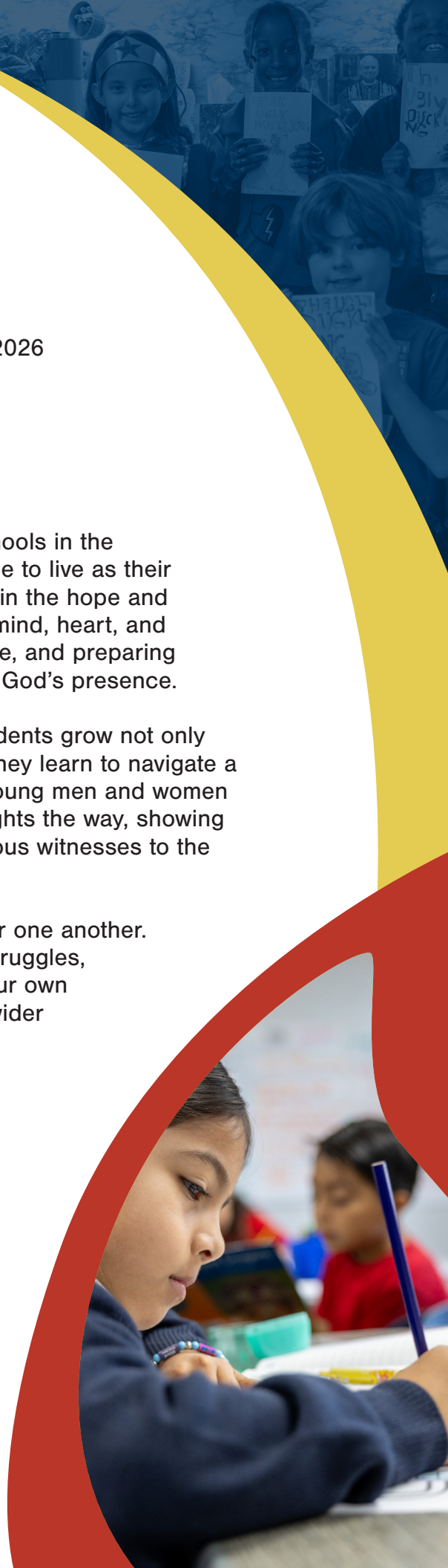
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In an increasingly complex and uncertain world, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Dallas embrace the responsibility to form young people to live as their best selves, fully becoming who God created them to be. Rooted in the hope and truth of the Gospel, Catholic education forms the whole person—mind, heart, and soul—anchored in Christ’s love, committed to academic excellence, and preparing students to face life’s challenges with courage and confidence in God’s presence.

Within these schools, learning is illuminated by faith. Our students grow not only in knowledge, but also in prayer, conscience, and compassion. They learn to navigate a complex world with hearts anchored in Christ’s love, becoming young men and women prepared not only to succeed, but to serve. Catholic education lights the way, showing students how to live as faithful missionary disciples and courageous witnesses to the Gospel.

As members of the Body of Christ, we share responsibility for one another. When one part of the Body thrives, we all thrive; when one part struggles, we are all called to respond. This call invites us to look beyond our own parishes and neighborhoods and to recognize the needs of our wider diocesan family.

Our Diocese continues to grow, a sign of great hope and vitality. With growth comes opportunity, but also responsibility. As we look toward the future, including the creation of a new school to serve our expanding community, we must also remain steadfast in supporting those schools that have long been beacons of faith and learning, particularly in serving our most vulnerable communities.



Today, these schools courageously carry on this mission. Parents in these communities make remarkable sacrifices so their children can receive an education rooted in Christ. Yet they cannot do this alone. Through the *Light the Way Catholic Education Appeal*, we are invited to stand in solidarity, ensuring all Catholic schools in the Diocese of Dallas remain places where faith is nurtured, knowledge is shared, and hope continues to shine.

I invite you to prayerfully consider a gift to the *Light the Way Catholic Education Appeal*. Your generosity helps ensure that every child has access to a high-quality Catholic education, forming young hearts and minds for a lifetime of faith, service, and leadership. **Through your support, the light of Catholic education can continue to shine brightly across every corner of our Diocese.**

During this Lenten season, may we renew our commitment to personal and communal conversion, opening our hearts more fully to the needs of others. Lent calls us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, inviting us to respond in love where the need is greatest. Through your support of the *Light the Way Catholic Education Appeal*, you participate in this sacred work, helping ensure that Catholic schools in our most vulnerable communities remain places where faith is deepened, lives are transformed, and hope continues to shine brightly.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to the *Light the Way Catholic Education Appeal*. Be assured of my gratitude and prayers for you and your loved ones. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and commitment to Catholic education in the Diocese of Dallas.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Edward J. Burns
Bishop of Dallas

P.S. Thanks to the generous support of the Enrico Foundation your gift will have an even greater impact. **The Enrico Foundation will be matching every gift, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$100,000, through June 30!** Together, we are ensuring a strong and bright future for our students.

"Catholic education aims not only to communicate facts, but also to transmit a coherent, comprehensive vision of life, in the conviction that the truths contained in that vision liberate students in the most profound meaning of human freedom."

– SAINT JOHN PAUL II