



## DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

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### **Diocese Announces Tuition Assistance Expansion**

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WHEELING – Most Rev. Mark Brennan and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston have announced the establishment of a third phase of tuition assistance that will be available to both Catholic and non-Catholic families already attending or recently enrolled in one of our 24 Catholic schools across the state.

This one-time program expansion of up to \$450,000 is in recognition and response to the economic challenges families are facing not only in West Virginia but also in our nation. This third phase of the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAPs) is the first established by the diocese for families regardless of religion. Previously, only families belonging to a parish within the diocese were eligible to apply for TAPs which distributes nearly \$1 million annually in tuition assistance.

The application period for this third phase of TAPs for the 2022-2023 school year will be from August 15, 2022 to September 2, 2022. Applications are made online at [www.factsmgt.com](http://www.factsmgt.com). If a Catholic family has previously applied for TAP for the 2022-2023 school year and not received funds, their applications are automatically submitted to Phase III. They do not need to reapply. If a family already received TAP funds for this school year via Phase I or II, they are not eligible for additional funds. Non-Catholic Families must apply—even if they previously submitted information to the system—to be eligible for consideration.

“The rapid rise in gas prices and cost of living is hitting all of us, especially our young families,” said Superintendent Mary Ann Deschaine, Ed.S. “This program further acknowledges the commitment to Catholic education in our diocese.”

In 2021, Bishop Mark Brennan released a program to give a \$250 tuition credit for each child in grades PK-12 regardless of need or religion, as a means to alleviate the financial strains caused by the pandemic. Overall, it was a \$1.2 million investment by the diocese for the Catholic school families.

For more information visit [wvcatholicschools.org](http://wvcatholicschools.org) or contact your local Catholic school.

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