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Donations of any size are not only welcomed, they are what we rely on to make this mission succeed. Please contact Kim Thompson, at kthompson@ceoflex.org, or visit our website at www.ceoflex.org, if you are interested in contributing to CEOF.

Our deepest gratitude to our generous CEOF donors ...



A Message From the Ceof Leadership

On April 24, 2018, the Board of the Catholic Education Opportunities Foundation, Inc. (CEOF) held their first official meeting. However, the journey toward raising tuition assistance funds for the Diocese of Lexington elementary schools began several years prior to that day.

In 2015, inspired by Father Chris Clay, pastor of St. Leo's in Versailles, a small group of people connected to the Kentucky horse industry met for drinks. The idea was formed to ask horse farm owners to offer financial assistance to their employees who wanted to send their children to Catholic schools but couldn't afford to do so. This discussion grew over several meetings, with the group ultimately approaching other individuals and businesses to assist the children of economically challenged families to attend a Catholic elementary school in the Diocese of Lexington. The group visited Cincinnati and Louisville, both of which have Catholic Education Foundations that have successfully raised funds for many years.

After several years of research and preparation, the Catholic Education Opportunities Foundation Board for the Diocese of Lexington was formed. And over the course of the three years since its first official meeting, the Board has set the CEOF on sound footing as its own 501(c)(3) charitable organization. We have commitments for close to a million dollars for our mission, and by this coming spring we will have distributed over \$75,000 in tuition assistance. We are grateful to our individual and corporate donors who, through their generosity, are helping the underserved in Central and Eastern Kentucky. We have just begun, and now we look forward to your joining us as we amplify our efforts.

Bill Hoskins, CEOF Board Chairman

Fr. Dan Noll, Pastor of Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary

Ways to Give

The demand for tuition assistance has never been greater among students at our Catholic schools. You can help fund scholarships for low-income students this year in many ways. We accept gifts toward our general fund for all diocesan schools, or you can designate your contribution to go to a specific school or named scholarship (see our website for details) Contact us to discuss any of the gift options below, visit <https://ceoflex.org/donate>, or scan the QR code below.

You can support the Catholic Education Opportunities Foundation in a number of ways:

- Gifts by cash, check or credit card
- Gifts of stocks or bonds
- Gifts from an IRA such as your Required Minimum Distribution or Qualified Charitable Distributions
- Distribution from your Donor Advised Fund
- Real estate, property, vehicles, etc.
- Gifts from bequests/wills, trusts or estates
- Matching gifts from employers
- In memory of a loved one, or to honor an alumnus, class, teacher or priest

Gifts to CEOF are tax deductible.



Kentucky School Tax Credit

In March of this year, the Kentucky legislature passed a School Choice tax credit program, joining our neighboring states in ensuring more students, no matter their income level, have choice and freedom in education. While this program is limited to residents of the eight most populated counties in our state, we are grateful for the opportunity this will give families in Kentucky.

The Kentucky School Choice tax credit program is currently being challenged in court, which is delaying the implementation of the program into next year. Those associated with the case are optimistic that the Kentucky Supreme Court will ultimately uphold the tax credit program. Stay tuned for the final decision and ways you can help.



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Who We Are

The Catholic Education Opportunities Foundation is committed to raising funds for tuition assistance for Catholics and Non-Catholics in grades K-8 to attend Catholic school in the Diocese of Lexington. The Diocese of Lexington was established in 1988, from parts of the Archdiocese of Louisville and the Diocese of Covington. The Diocese of Lexington serves not only the "Horse Capital of the World" in Fayette and surrounding counties, but also the 40 Appalachian counties of Eastern Kentucky, where 74% of children live below the poverty line. The Diocese of Lexington is designated as a mission diocese within the United States.

Schools the CEOF Supports

Christ the King, Lexington
Good Shepherd, Frankfort
Holy Family, Ashland
Mary Queen, Lexington
Our Lady of the Mountains, Paintsville
St. Agatha, Winchester
St. John, Georgetown
St. Leo, Versailles
St. Mark, Richmond
St. Mary, Paris
Sts. Peter and Paul, Lexington
Seton Catholic School, Lexington



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A Celebration of Catholic Education

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April 7, 2022

Dinner and Awards Ceremony

with Guest Speaker

Most Reverend J. Mark Spalding, J.C.L.

The Campbell House Lexington, Kentucky

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WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

