

## The Need is Real

The Scholarship Angel Campaign begins every year during the month of March. Proceeds from this important campaign are used for tuition assistance for families in need. Every family has different needs and every application is carefully reviewed, and all reported circumstances are verified before an award is made. To uphold our commitment to our donors we manage tuition assistance closely to make sure the need is real and the most pressing needs are met.

Requests for help are on the rise while fewer dollars are available to support such requests. Today hundreds of students attending our schools receive aid. Last year some parents made the difficult decision to remove their children from our schools because of the lack of funds.

We know Catholic schools are not for everyone, but by supporting this campaign you are offering the benefits of a Catholic education to children who really want one. They won't be able to afford it without your help.

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## 2011 Scholarship Angel Campaign

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Real Stories  
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# Real People, Real Stories

Names are changed for privacy



## Mr. Bailey

Until the 2010-2011 school year Mr. Bailey was proud to have sent all of his four children to Catholic schools. Through struggle and sacrifice he found the money

*Sometimes no matter how hard you try, the numbers just don't add up.*

for tuition each year. With low income wages, Mr. Bailey counted on the Catholic schools to help by providing at least partial aid.

While all his hard work seemed to help in the past, it didn't matter so much this year. Even though Mr. Bailey took a job hours away, leaving his family for days at a time, to make a little more each week while receiving few benefits, it just wasn't enough.

It didn't seem to matter so much this year that he was informed the assistance he received in the past from the Catholic schools would be reduced significantly due to a shortage of funds.

All of this didn't seem to matter this year because he realized he simply did not have enough for tuition for his four children. He planned to pull his children from our schools.

His children were heartbroken, especially his 12th grader. Having attended the Catholic schools for years this student would now have to leave friends and school community, this as the last year of high school was about to begin.

The story doesn't end there, it has a bitter sweet ending. Working with the Development Office Mr. Bailey learned there was enough assistance to ensure his 12th grader could return and finish his schooling at our schools. Unfortunately, he had to tell the rest of his children they would be changing schools. His 12th grader graduates in June because of donors to the Scholarship Angel Campaign.

## Mrs. Kelly

Mrs. Kelly believes she is a lucky woman. Though both her and her husband are retired, they unexpectedly became guardians of their granddaughter due to serious health issues with their daughter.

Her granddaughter had always attended Catholic schools and her hopes were she would remain there. Unfortunately, her husband became ill requiring expensive treatment and medications, much of which created an out of pocket expense. That's when she turned to the Catholic schools for assistance.

Working with the school staff Mrs. Kelly was able to receive partial assistance from the proceeds of the



*Calling a parent or guardian to tell them their children cannot come back to school is a heart wrenching experience*

Scholarship Angel Campaign. This allowed her to work out a payment plan that would keep her granddaughter in Catholic school.

"I'm willing to pay for a Catholic education for Melissa," said Mrs. Kelly. "I just didn't expect these sudden bills. Our prayers are my husband recovers and we can watch Melissa graduate from Catholic schools someday."

## Can you help?

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and click on donating.

I would like to designate my donation to a specific parish or a specific school:

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\_\_\_\_ Please contact me so I can learn more about all the options I have to support the Catholic schools.

### Does your company match your donation?

Please designate the Catholic Schools of Broome County. Donations to the Catholic Schools of Broome County are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

\_\_\_\_ Check here if you'd like to help by volunteering some of your time. We have a lot to do!

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