

ACTION ALERT

Support School Choice Bill

A new bill introduced in the Pennsylvania Senate has the potential to make private schools, including Catholic schools, affordable for many more families. Senate Bill 1 – the Opportunity Scholarship Act – proposes a significant increase to the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program, thus making more scholarships available to qualified students. This program enables businesses to receive state tax credits for contributions to scholarship organizations, and these contributions in turn are used to provide tuition assistance.

Since EITC began in 2001, more than \$8.5 million has been donated to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation, resulting in tuition assistance to more than 8,000 eligible students enrolled in our Catholic schools.

How You Can Help

Bishop Bambera is asking for your help to get Senate Bill 1 passed. The next committee that will consider this bill is the Senate Appropriations Committee. There are six members of this committee who serve constituents in the Diocese of Scranton: Senators David Argall, Lisa Baker, John Blake, Lisa Boscola, John Gordner and Joseph Scarnati.

Please visit, call, write or e-mail these Senators, and all your state legislators, and ask them to support the Opportunity Scholarship Act – SB 1. Following is a sample message:

“I am one of your constituents, and I urge you to support the Opportunity Scholarship Act – SB 1. It’s very important to me that you vote in favor of this bill so that families have the opportunity to choose the best school for their children. Please tell me how you intend to vote on this matter. Thank you.”

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