Short Announcement for Mass, School Meetings, Newsletters, and Bulletins

**Matching Gift Program**

A group of generous donors have agreed to pool their resources and offer a 2-for-1 matching gift program to schools run by the Archdiocese of Chicago. For every dollar designated to a qualifying school through Empower Illinois between December 1, 2018 and February 28, 2019, the school will receive two dollars in matching funds. The donations are capped at $100,000 per school.

After April 1, 2019, any matching gift program funds that are not awarded at a designated school will be reallocated to low-income students at schools with unmet demand.

Donors who would like to receive the tax credit for their 2018 taxes should begin the process prior to December 14, 2018 to ensure that they have enough time to make their gift by December 31, 2018.

For more information please visit [www.archchicago.org/tcs](http://www.archchicago.org/tcs) or call 312.534.2617.

***General Program***

There is still time to apply for a 2018 Illinois tax credit and donate to a Scholarship Granting Organization. Visit [www.archchicago.org/tcs](http://www.archchicago.org/tcs) to learn more, or contact tcs@archchicago.org and 312.534.2617.

You can receive a 75 percent Illinois state income tax credit for donating to needs-based scholarships through the Illinois tax credit scholarship program. Visit [www.archchicago.org/tcs](http://www.archchicago.org/tcs) to learn more, or contact tcs@archchicago.org and 312.534.2617.

Support low-income students at Archdiocesan schools while receiving a 75 percent state tax credit through the Illinois tax credit scholarship program. Visit [www.archchicago.org/tcs](http://www.archchicago.org/tcs) to learn more, or contact tcs@archchicago.org and 312.534.2617.

You can provide a Catholic school education to children from low-income families while also receiving a state tax credit yourself. The Invest in Kids Act is different from regular charitable giving to [PARISH NAME] or another organization. Visit [archchicago.org/tcs](http://archchicago.org/tcs) to learn why and to access a step-by-step guide to the program.