

Expressing Gratitude Through GRACE!

Peace and all good things!

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Atlanta and Diocese of Savannah are open with safety protocols in place. We ask you to join us in praying for our students, teachers, and administrators during this challenging academic year. We believe in the value of Catholic education and are grateful to our donors for their assistance in passing along our Catholic faith to a greater number of deserving students.

GRACE Scholars is currently accepting pre-registrations for 2021 tax credits. Please visit www.gracescholars.org to complete the online pre-registration. Paper forms are available upon request at askgrace@gracescholars.org. The donor receives a dollar for dollar tax credit on their state of Georgia tax return; Catholic school students receive a life-changing scholarship. Keep reading for some of their inspiring stories.

Let's work together to achieve the GRACE Scholars' mission of providing children from families with financial need an opportunity for a quality Catholic education. We are grateful for your consideration and we ask God's blessing on you and all who are dear to you.

May we meet each day in our prayers and may we *Rejoice in the Lord always!*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Gregory J. Hartmayer, OSM Conv.*

Most Reverend
Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.
Archbishop of Atlanta

+ *Stephen D. Parkes*

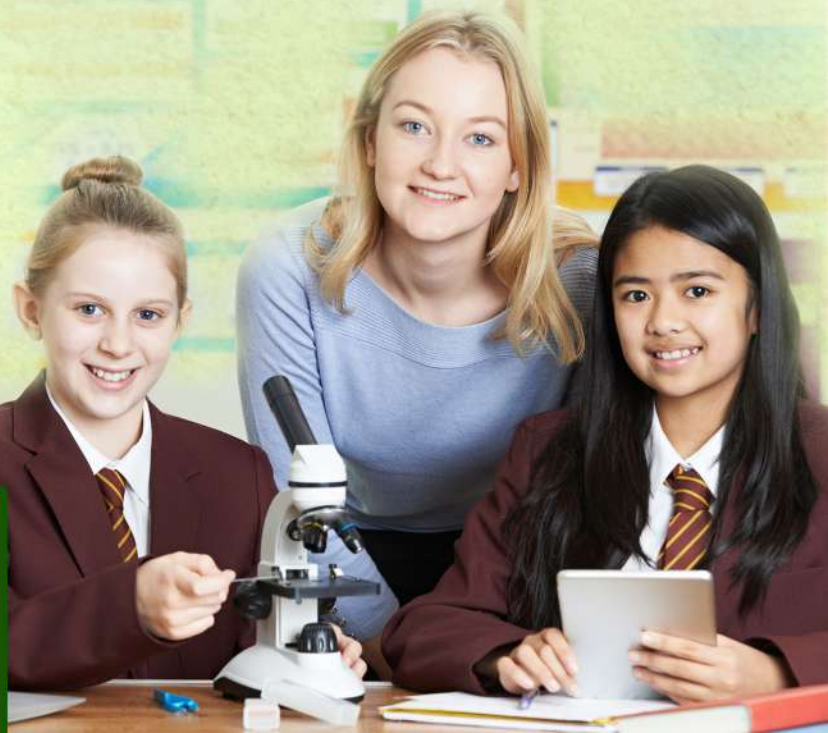
Most Reverend
Stephen D. Parkes, D.D.
Bishop of Savannah



St. Pius X Catholic High School

*Beatrice Kibera, parent,
MaryAnn Lester, Grade 10, GRACE Scholar since Kindergarten*

GRACE has been a lifesaver for our family and has helped bridge the gap between what I can afford and what the school charges for tuition. A Catholic education means a wholesome education that caters to both the academic and spiritual/religious well being of my daughters. The end result of which is a well rounded, responsible, and service-driven global citizen. Please prayerfully consider continuing your support of GRACE so that Catholic education can be within reach for other families.



Please submit your 2021 pre-registration to GRACE Scholars by **December 15, 2020** for preferred handling. This will give the GRACE staff time to verify your data.

For More Information Contact:

GRACE Scholars 404.920.7900 • askgrace@gracescholars.org

Highlights from audited financial statements for Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2020

Total assets at 5/31/20 _____ \$17 million
 Total scholarship obligations at 5/31/20 _____ \$14.5 million
 Contributions for scholarships in FY 2020 _____ \$5 million
 Percent of contributions
 obligated for scholarships in FY 2020 _____ 97%

GRACE Scholars Giving Results	2020	2019
Tax credit contributions	\$4,738,408	\$5,178,878
Other contributions & matching gifts	\$172,379	\$61,656
Transfers from other SSOs	\$130,790	\$131,416
Total contributions	\$5,041,577	\$5,371,950



St. Peter Claver, Decatur

Debra Hood, parent, Charlotte Hood, Grade 8

As a parent, I visited St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School and did not know about the GRACE scholarship, or any other scholarships. I just prayed to the Lord, to make it possible for my daughter to attend St. Peter Claver. After my first visit to St. Peter Claver, I knew, I wanted my daughter to be a part of the experience I had during that visit. As a Christian, the thought of having her learn in an environment surrounded by the gospel of Jesus Christ really filled my heart. Each day I bring her to school, it continues to fill my heart. I am very grateful for the Grace Scholarship.

For me, as a student, a Catholic education means, I will be surrounded by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, while learning from excellent teachers. Being a Catholic student has shaped my character and helped me to make good choices in life.

How to Apply for a GRACE Scholarship

GRACE Scholars does not accept applications directly from parents or guardians. Instead, it is up to one of our GRACE Participating Schools (a list of schools is nearby) to recommend a student to receive a GRACE Scholarship. Contact the school to learn about all financial aid options available and the timing related to taking applications. GRACE scholarship applications for School Year 2021-2022 are due to the schools on March 1, 2021. Find out more about the scholarship process in the "For Parents" section of our website at www.gracescholars.org.

Learn More About GRACE

Visit our website at www.gracescholars.org. Here is a quick guide:

About GRACE

Read about our board of directors and see the complete fiscal year 2020 audited financial statements and our calendar year reports to the Georgia Department of Revenue, www.gracescholars.org/about-grace/transparency/

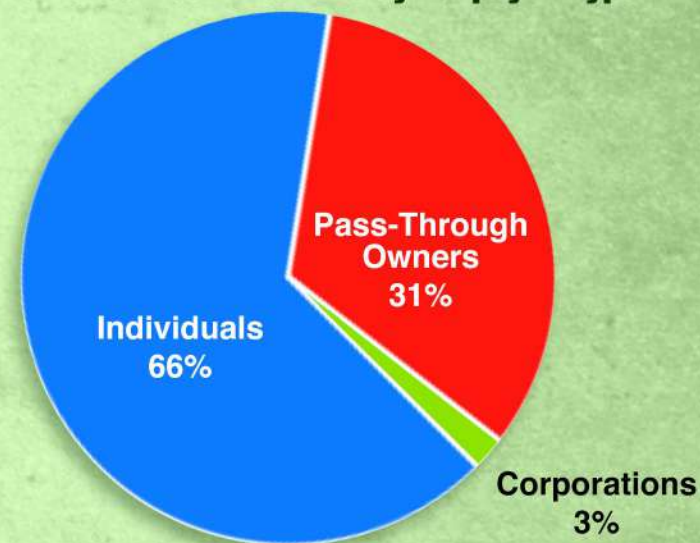
For Parents

Obtain scholarship information including eligibility requirements and participating schools and download a GRACE scholarship application in English, Spanish or Vietnamese.

For Donors

Learn how to exchange a donation to GRACE and qualify for a 100% tax credit against your Georgia income tax liability. You can also pre-register for your 2021 tax credit.

*Tax Credit Contributions by Taxpayer Type



*Together all contributions make a big difference to students!

Grateful for our Donors!



Dr. James A. Hartnett, DDS



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Scholars' Profile 2020

As of September 30, 2020

Total recipients: 1195

Gender

- Male: 47%
- Female: 53%

Type of School

- Elementary: 70%
- Secondary: 30%

Annual Family Income (AGI)

- 1st quartile: \$24,287
- Median: \$43,399

Ethnicity

- Hispanic or Latino: 29%

Religious Affiliation

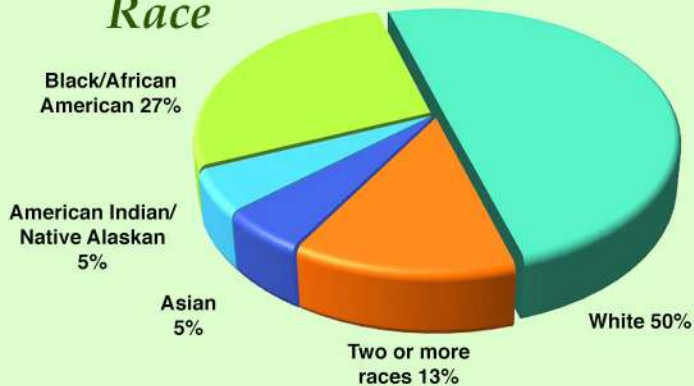
- Catholic: 71%
- Non-Catholic: 29%

Lunch Program Qualified

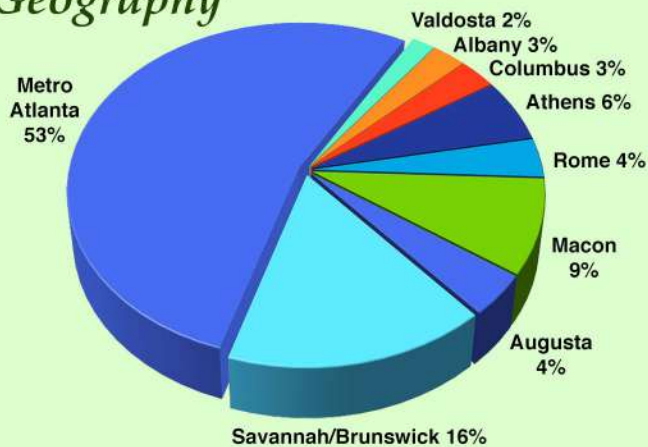
- Yes: 48%
- No: 52%

Note: Race and ethnicity are voluntarily reported by students or parents/guardians. The schools provide the information after scholarship awards are made. GRACE uses the race and ethnicity categories used by the National Catholic Educational Association which uses the same categories as the U. S. Bureau of the Census.

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Geography



Publication Note

The GRACE Scholars Annual Report is published contemporaneously in *The Georgia Bulletin* and the *Southern Cross*, the official newspapers of the Archdiocese of Atlanta and the Diocese of Savannah.



Participating Schools

Archdiocese of Atlanta

- Blessed Trinity Catholic High School, Roswell
- Christ the King School, Atlanta
- Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School, Atlanta
- Holy Redeemer Catholic School, Johns Creek
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School, Atlanta
- Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School, Fayetteville
- Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School, Brookhaven
- Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, Tyrone
- Queen of Angels Catholic School, Roswell
- St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School, Kennesaw
- St. John Neumann Regional Catholic School, Lilburn
- St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, Hapeville
- St. Joseph Catholic Parish School, Athens
- St. Joseph Catholic School, Marietta
- St. Jude the Apostle Catholic School, Sandy Springs
- St. Mary's Catholic School, Rome
- St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School, Decatur
- St. Pius X Catholic High School, Atlanta
- St. Thomas More Catholic School, Decatur

Diocese of Savannah

- Aquinas High School, Augusta
- Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, Savannah
- Immaculate Conception Catholic School, Augusta
- Mount de Sales Academy, Macon
- Sacred Heart Catholic School, Warner Robins
- St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School, Columbus
- St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, Brunswick
- St. James Catholic School, Savannah
- St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, Valdosta
- St. Joseph's Catholic School, Macon
- St. Mary on the Hill Catholic School, Augusta
- St. Peter Claver Catholic School, Macon
- St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School, Savannah
- St. Teresa's Catholic School, Albany
- St. Vincent's Academy, Savannah





St. Joseph Catholic School, Macon

Mollie Germann, parent,

Benjamin Germann, Grade 4, Ella Germann, Grade 2

I am so grateful to actually have a whole “team” at our local Catholic school now involved in helping our children learn and grow in their faith. It feels like some of the weight has been lifted by there being so many other people coming alongside us and our kids – both the teachers and the other Catholic families. We don’t feel like the kids or our family are ‘just a number’ at the school – being known and welcomed as a part of the community has been a gift and we look forward to building relationships that will last through high school and beyond.



St. John the Evangelist, Valdosta

Alberto Vicente, Parent, Omar Vicente, Grade 8

Without grace we would not have been able to afford a catholic education for our son. Catholic school gives children the opportunity to develop a relationship with God. We are thankful for the generosity of GRACE donors and may God continue to bless them for all that they do.



St. Vincent’s Academy, Savannah

Mark Woods, Parent, Isabella Woods, Grade 11

The GRACE scholarship has helped us a lot because without this scholarship we could not be able to afford a private school.

As a student, my religion and academic education are equally important in my development as I grow mentally, physically, and spiritually.

We are grateful for all who support the GRACE scholarship. With their assistance many students have the opportunity to have a great education and with this, it helps to give back to the community in many different ways.

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GRACE Scholarship Award Statistics	School Year 2020-21	School Year 2019-20
Number of scholarship award recipients	1,195	1,169
Number of families with recipients	952	939
Number of first time awards	334	324
Average scholarship award	\$3,619	\$3,218
Percentage awarded to minority recipients	50%	47%