

## What is the: Catholic Education Foundation of the Diocese of Joliet?

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The CEF enables children in need from all backgrounds to attend Diocese of Joliet grade schools and high schools.

Nearly 21% of all 18,000 (K-12) students throughout the diocese request financial aid.

Since 1996, the CEF has awarded over \$22 million in need-based scholarships to 17,145 students.

Last year, the CEF received 4,000 applications and awarded 1,700 student grants. For every award, there is one denial.

## Chairs and Steering Committee Members

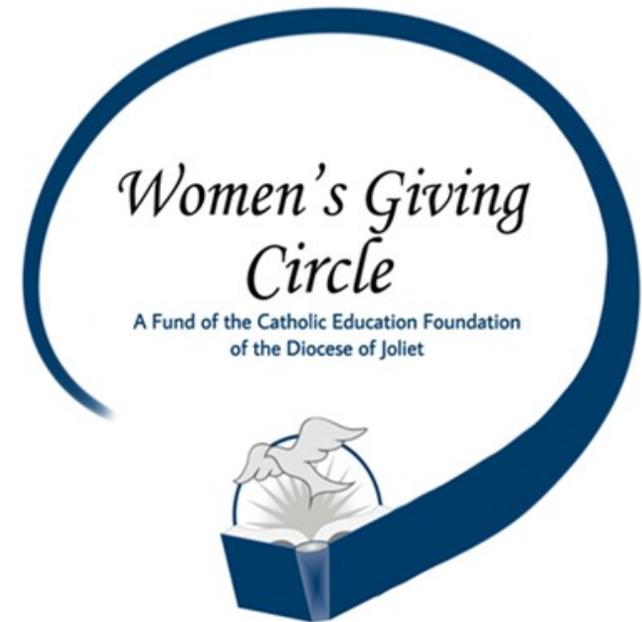
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### Chairs:

Mae Ciancio  
Liz Repking  
Beth Sennett

### Steering Committee Members:

Annette Bannon  
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## The Power of Collective Giving

Through collective giving, collaboration and shared faith, the Women's Giving Circle of the Catholic Education Foundation seeks to promote philanthropy that empowers women, compels action, advances Catholic education and glorifies God.



## Why a Giving Circle?

There is power in collective giving. Each and every dollar creates real and sustainable change by funding programs for our Catholic schools. The Women's Giving Circle allows for personal involvement in the decision making process.

The giving circle also provides social and educational benefits for our members as they share their hopes and visions for our Catholic schools. This philanthropic circle of Catholic women will strengthen our Church by deepening and expanding our understanding of our schools' needs.

## How it Works!

Membership dues/contributions are pooled together into one fund. At the annual Spring luncheon Giving Circle Members will decide by vote which projects and opportunities to fund based on grant proposals submitted by diocesan schools. The larger our membership, the more projects we can fund.

## Benefits of Membership

- ◆ Participate in an organization with spiritually like-minded women
- ◆ Encourage women to make strategic and informed decisions about their philanthropy
- ◆ Join women from across the diocese for an inspiring Fall keynote speaker event
- ◆ Attend the Circle's annual Spring luncheon where grant finalists will make their presentations and grant winners will be selected by special ballot.
- ◆ Network with people of shared values and faith
- ◆ Learn more about Catholic education, while fostering innovative programs within our schools
- ◆ Create meaningful impact in the lives of our Catholic school students
- ◆ Help Catholic schools offer competitive and appealing programs that meet the needs and desires of our families.

## Thank you for becoming a Member of the Women's Giving Circle

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Alt Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Members (\$500)

Although our suggested membership dues are \$500, the Circle welcomes and appreciates a gift of ***any*** amount.

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