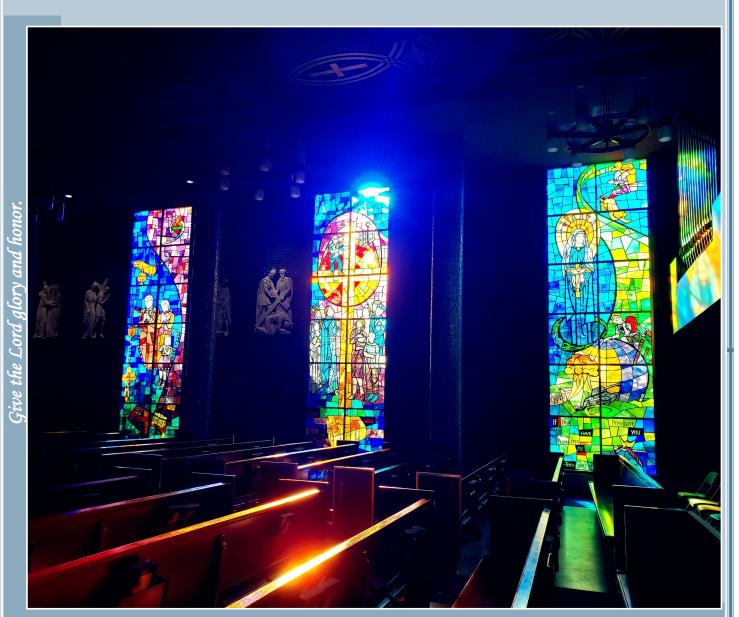
# Welcome to Immaculate Conception Parish

A Catholic Community Inviting People to Follow Christ

October 22, 2023 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time



"We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love." - 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Love God • Serve Others • Make Disciples

# Contact Us

# **Parish Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Closed

: 7211 W. Talcott Avenue Chicago, IL. 60631

): 773.775.3833

Saturday: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Sunday:

: parishoffice@icchicago.org

Social Media

**Parish Website:** □ www.icchicago.org

**School Website:** □ : www.iccowboys.net

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Facebook: View our Masses, connect with fellow parishioners, and access exclusive articles and

content. Simply search "Immaculate Conception Parish Chicago (Talcott)" and request to join our online community.

Twitch: Membership-free platform where all are welcome to view our Masses and access content.

Visit us at www.twitch.tv/icchicago



# Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil @ 5:00 P.M. Sunday Mass @ 8:30 A.M. Sunday Mass @ 10:30 A.M.\* (\*Our 10:30 A.M. Mass is also livestreamed)

Capacity limits have been lifted and reservations are no longer required. Masks are optional.

All are welcome!

Weekday Mass Schedule:

In-Person Monday through Thursday @ 8:30 A.M. (Rosary Prayers & Chaplet of Mercy prayed after Weekday Masses)

(Please note: Friday daily Masses & First Friday Mass & Adoration temporarily suspended as of July 8<sup>th</sup>)

Online Wednesdays @ 8:30 A.M. (School Mass) (Worship with us virtually on our Facebook Page or Twitch)

# Donate

# **Church & Special Collections:**

Interested in supporting our parish, specific ministries and projects?

Please consider giving online at Give Central: www.givecentral.org/location/349

Offertory envelopes can also be mailed in or dropped off at our Parish Office.



Text-To-Give: Text "Sunday" to 773-915-0503



Sunday mornings from 9:30 A.M.-10:15 A.M. (offered every other Sunday)

(Special dates & times offered during Advent & Lent)

### **Baptisms:**

2nd & 4th Sundays of each month @ Noon (except during Lent)

Scan the QR Code below:

# A Vision for Immaculate Conception: Intentional Offering

Thank you for your openness during this month as I have talked about our current finances. I am writing this week about my future vision for our parish. I would like to show you areas of growth and need here at Immaculate Conception. While we have updated and repaired our campus the past five years now, there is still more to do.

# Areas of Growth for our Parish

# + Teen Ministry

We have had a wonderful response to our newly launched Teen Club program. With nearly 50 of our children registered, **I would like to invest in our volunteer-leaders to better help them run and organize the program**.

# + Family Formation and Sacramental Formation

I believe in Catholic education and I am proud of the work our school and religious education program does in its role to form our children. I have found in my experience as a priest, however, that Catholic education is incomplete if parents do not have an active role in the faith of their children. Formation primarily takes place in the home – it is within our homes where we form our values, priorities, and habits.

To that end, I want to expand how we work with families, as I strongly believe that family formation is a path of greater success. **This new program**, which I hope to implement in 2025 or 2026, **would require a staffed position to assist me (and a potential associate) to work together with clusters of families on a readiness-based level of sacramental preparation.** 

# + Leadership Pipelines

Our Alpha program **encourages openness to conversations necessary for leadership. It is the primary tool I use when selecting leaders for new ministries here at our parish**.

Many of our lectors, eucharistic ministers, ushers, ministers of care, leaders of our Teen Club, and those who help organize service projects are Alpha alumni. By working together with them through Alpha, I am able to build a relationship with them and share my vision on a more personal basis. In this way, I can entrust more responsibility and leadership roles to them.

While leadership is one goal, the primary goal is engagement with others and strengthening bonds in our community through a relationship with God and friendship with one another. I plan to support this program further as we look to expand our offerings for prayer groups, parish retreats, parish service projects, and continue to seek new ways to engage our children during the school week and our weekend Masses.

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# Areas of Need for our Campus

# + HVAC Systems

Our Heating and Cooling systems on our campus are aging to the point where repairs are becoming cumbersome. Some of our systems in our church are 60 years old, while our school's systems are over 30 years old. While we have done our best to fix our heating and cooling, the system we have in place is inefficient, albeit functional. We would still approach this project with potential fundraising so as not to significantly impair savings or the school endowment.

### + Rectory Assembly

The Rectory Assembly is a space that we upgraded a few years ago in order to emphasize leadership and ministry. In recent years, it has been utilized more than ever, hosting our hospitality offerings (Coffee House & New Parishioner Breakfasts) as well as varied leadership & faith formation events and service projects for The Port Ministries. Our RA now also serves as the primary meeting space for our Alpha & Connect programs, Parish & Finance Councils, School Board, Parents Club, Teen Club, and Bible Study Group.



With the increased use, I believe it is time to upgrade our other outdated facilities there: namely, the kitchen and our bathrooms. Doing so, will allow us to better host and carry out our ministries in service to our community.

## + Security

Security is an ever-growing concern. We are looking to improve our campus with camera coverage and additional lighting in our parking lot to help prevent damage, theft, or any other issues.

# + Energy Efficiency

One of the major costs associated with our campus is heating, cooling, and electricity. I would like to explore ways, outside of new equipment, to improve the efficiency of our campus while also reducing one of our most prominent expenses.

## Ministerial Needs of our Parish

One of the biggest areas of need and growth for our parish is an additional priest. I have endeavored to look for a candidate who not only helps with sacramental work, but can also assist me in leadership roles with our expanding ministries. In order to do so, I want to make sure the financial future of our parish is secure and growing because I believe the right person will really help our parish to grow more quickly. Having an additional priest on staff can help invest in leaders, but also build relationships with the wider parish community. I thank you for your continued support towards this important goal.

Next week, I will write more specifically about the numbers I think will help us get to a position of growth, as well as acknowledge current trends that we see.

- Fr. Matt



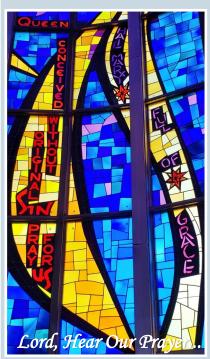
Fourth and fifth grade science classes include an introduction to engineering. In addition to becoming familiar with the engineering design process and vocabulary, students practice working in cooperative groups to design a solution to a problem, build a prototype, and test their designs. Our fifth graders were challenged to design a vehicle that could carry a ping-pong ball down a zip line in three seconds or less, while meeting all the criteria and adhering to limitations. Our fourth graders used a familiar childhood toy, Blocks and Marbles, to create a marble run. Teams received points for height, the number of drops, and the number of direction changes. More challenges will be introduced throughout the year.





# Please join our parish family in prayer ...

# For those who are sick:



Mina Acevedo Tom Altman Paul Amandes Amelia Aquino Arnold B. Robert Behrman Sonia M. B. Roberta Berger Arlene Lacey Beyna Vince Caeti Mary Cali Juanita Camacho Donna Chaplin Truman Collins James Covello Ronnie Cunningham Paige Dicks Emily Divarco Eric Dulce Lilia Dulce *Elizabeth Felix* Patrick Fisher Richard Flanagan Brooke Foreman Logan Frigeni Patricia Furgat Lila Gehner Joan Geiger

Gloria Hernandez Ofelia Hernandez Judy Hull Mary Ann Hurtig Kevin Jaburek Vivian Jester Stephanie Kamenicky Wayne Kinzie, Sr. Donna Kirk Craig Kloss Ronald Kogol Lillian Kohut Katherine Kreuser Anthony LaPash Dawn LaVeau Florencia Silva Lucas Sean Lucas Nathan Maisel Benny Martinez Edwin Martinez Frank Martinez Elsa Mazzoni Nikki Mendoza Pat Miaso Gerry Michalek, Jr. Helen Michalek Ledoina Monacelli Marta Morales

Deacon Rick Moritz Veronica Murillo *Mike Murphy* Timothy Murray Brendan Nelson Barb Neustadt Phillip Nuccio Anne O'Brien John O'Brien Jackie O'Koniewski David Olson Camille Pavlis Ashton Peterson Leo Pfest Paul Posch Mary Potwora **Baby Fiona Prades** Joe Rispoli Pia Rizza Sherry Rock David Rodriguez Cindy Rupp Milagros C. San Juan Gerri Schultz Carole Skorey Edward Stanczyk Jack Stewart *Jacqueline Strauss* 

Jill Swagler Julie Szwedo Alma T. Donna Tisdale Beckie Tomala Steven P. Trifilio Mary Ellen Vanderman Louis Ward Miss Westhoff Rita Zambon Jerry Zschach Nancy Zschach

\*Newly Added

For our faithful departed:

For those preparing to be joined together in Holy Matrimony:

Oswald Joseph "Ozzie" D'Souza



"Eternal rest grant unto them, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."



Colleen Margaret Monforti and John Paul Martin

"And the two shall become one..." - Ephesians 5:31

PRAYERS FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE



U.S. Army - SSgt. John Francis Mikita, Sgt. Kevin Whalen, SSgt Martine Makita, Chris Dash, Pvt. Jason G. Cavanaugh, Major Christopher Walsh, Capt. Benjamin Monson, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Katherine D. Hartnett, SPC Michael J. Stone, Pvt. Charlie Cruz Pappas
U.S. Navy - CMDR Michael Brasseur, LCDR Christopher Jenkins, PO Thomas T. Tudisco, Ensign Marina J. Monacelli
U.S. Air Force - John Christopher Ocasio, Major Laurel Walsh, Major Paul H. Kolk, LT. COL. Michael O'Koniewski; Captain Colleen Bernal
U.S. Marines - PFC Sebastian L. Rivera, Jr., PFC Christopher Hughes, PFC Algene D. Porticos, LCpl Daniel Wieczorek, LCpl Luis A. Corea, PFC Brian Mendoza

Please contact our Parish Office when these service people return home safely. If you are a veteran or know a veteran, the Archdiocese of Chicago has a website located at vets.archchicago.org that provides information that can be of assistance.

*For those who serve our country:* 



Mass Intentions: Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

# Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time (World Mission Sunday)

**5:00 P.M. (Saturday)** – <sup>†</sup>Walter Szczerski (on his 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary); <sup>†</sup>John J. Joyce; <sup>†</sup>Stanislaw Swiderski; <sup>†</sup>V.P. Abraham; <sup>†</sup>Martin Joyce; <sup>†</sup>Nancy Burke; Tom & Pat Altman (Living); Mary Rose San Juan (on her Birthday) (Living); and Milagros San Juan (For Good Health) (Living)

8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Bishop Kevin Birmingham; and <sup>†</sup>George Arwood 10:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Manuel Mendoza; <sup>†</sup>Dennis M. Jaburek; <sup>†</sup>Ronald Marcella; <sup>†</sup>Francis & Moira Cross; <sup>†</sup>Anselmo & Francesca Canfora; <sup>†</sup>Peter Meehan (on his Anniversary); Dennis Updegraff (Living); and The People of the Parish

Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – *Saint John of Capistrano, Priest* 8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Paul, Gloria, & Steven Budziak

# Tuesday, October 24th - Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

**8:30 A.M.** – <sup>†</sup>Pigurasyon Sabarillo; <sup>†</sup>John Joseph Dosek, Jr. (on his 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary); and Gathi & Giang Abraham (on their Wedding Anniversary) (Living)

Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – Weekday 8:30 A.M. – <sup>†</sup>Exilda & Raymond Luedtke; and <sup>†</sup>Joseph Lendino

# Thursday, October 26th - Weekday

8:30 A.M. – <sup>+</sup>Leo Pryma (on his Anniversary); Rose Felipe (For Good Health & Healing) (Living); and Zenobia Gonsalves (on her Birthday) (Living)

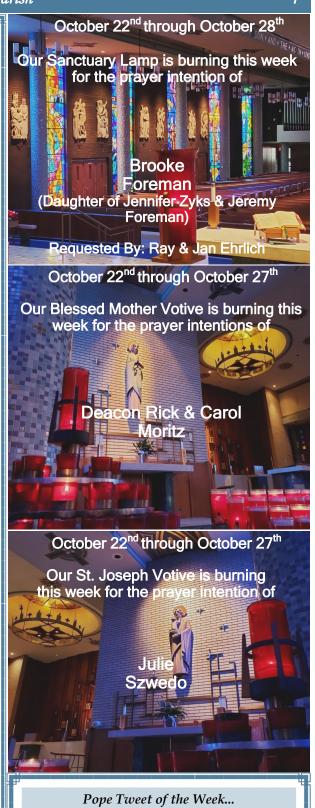
Friday, October 27th - Weekday

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - *Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles* 5:00 P.M.— <sup>†</sup>Irena Kierznowska (Birthday Remembrance); and <sup>†</sup>Stanislaw Swiderski

**Sunday, October 29**<sup>th</sup> – *Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time* 8:30 A.M.- <sup>†</sup>Ellen Osborn; <sup>†</sup>Ronald Marcella; and <sup>†</sup>Bogdan Hanek (on his 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

10:30 A.M. - <sup>†</sup>Carmen & Irene Covello; <sup>†</sup>Ann Maratea; <sup>†</sup>Marie Frances Hagarty; <sup>†</sup>Doris M. Orlando (on her 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary);
<sup>†</sup>Darlene Waitekus; <sup>†</sup>Lilia Macapagal (Birthday Remembrance);
<sup>†</sup>David Macapagal (Birthday Remembrance); <sup>†</sup>Sheila M. Hogan-Waldick; <sup>†</sup>Francis & Moira Cross; Mark Flanagan (on his 31<sup>st</sup> Birthday) (Living); and The People of the Parish





# Tope Tweet of the Week..

"Often we struggle to have free time, but today Jesus invites us to find the time that frees us: the time we dedicate to God, that lightens and heals our hearts, that increases peace, confidence and



joy in us and saves us from evil and loneliness."

ICPC School Fundraiser @ Superdawg



Drive In

# Immaculate Conception School's next Dine-Out Fundraiser is Monday, October 23 thru Sunday, October 29

Dine out any day (or everyday) of the week to support our school! Superdawg Drive-In is donating 20% of the group's sales during this time period to our school! Make as many copies of this flyer as you'd like. Photo copies will be accepted – so share with your family, friends and neighbors! Use at either drive-in location but please don't distribute flyers on premises:



order received with this flyer to Immaculate Conception School. \*Superdawg accepts all major credit and debit cards. This flyer must accompany order/payment.

# This Weekend @ IC: Special Second Collection

Embrace the Universal Church with "*Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move*" this World Mission Sunday! Today, Pope Francis encourages us to reignite the fire of our faith and to go forth sharing that faith with others. As we gather on World Mission Sunday, like Catholics around the globe, we are reminded that everyone has a right to receive the Gospel. Our prayers this day and our contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith foster global missionary cooperation, enabling:

- Over 844,000 catechists to share the faith.
- 258,540 Religious Sisters to tend to families and children.
- 38,140 seminarians to journey towards the priesthood.
- Education for 26 million children.
- Medical assistance in 12,000 clinics.
- Comfort in 8,750 homes for the orphaned and elderly.

By offering our prayers and sacrifices we participate in the missionary movement of the Universal Church. Thank you for setting out with your own burning hearts and feet in motion!



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Mr. & Mrs. Brendan & Stacey Houston

WELCOME

Philomena Allocco

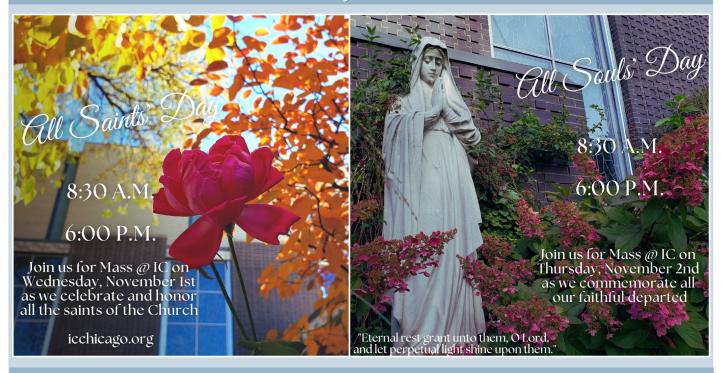
Jason & Elizabeth Connelly

and their children Jason & Emma

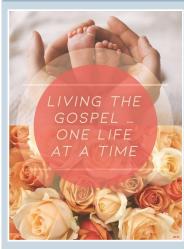
Hearts on Fire, feet on the move (cf. Lk 24:13-35) Let us all contribute to the missionary movement of the Catholic Church with our prayers and activities, material offerings and our personal witness. The collection taken this day provides critical support to over 1,000 dioceses and territories experiencing extreme poverty and turnoil. We accompany these local churches as they seek to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments in hope. For more information acids do not original persons with



Celebrate All Saints' & All Souls' Day @ IC: November 1<sup>st</sup> & November 2<sup>nd</sup>



### Respect Life Month



"The Gospel of Life is at the heart of Jesus's message. Lovingly received day after day by the Church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as 'good news' to the people of every age and culture."

This is the opening statement of *Evangelium Vitae*, issued by Pope John Paul II nearly 30 years ago. In today's culture of violence towards the weak and vulnerable, proclaiming the messages in this encyclical are more critical than ever.

Please consider reviewing at least the **Introduction** to this Gospel of Life: vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/encyclicals

It is a simple and clear declaration of our duty as followers of Jesus Christ.

"... in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life!"

| Ministry Scheaules: Saturaay, October 28th & Sunaay, October 29th |                                     |  |   |
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|   | Saturday<br>5:00 P.M. Mass          | Sunday<br>8:30 A.M. Mass                 | Sunday<br>10:30 A.M. Mass                   |
| Presiders   | Fr. Matthew Heinrich                | Fr. Robert Fedek                         | Fr. Matthew Heinrich                        |
| Lectors   | L. Christy                          | D. Sebastian                             | N. Schroeder                                |
| Cantors   | E. Doyle                            | Vocal Quartet                            | Vocal Quartet                               |
| Extraordinary<br>Ministers  | S. Witz                             | A. Schnitzlein; C. Mulligan;<br>M. Zizzo | R. Siciliano; C. Kech;<br>S. Serb; E. Rossi |
| Altar Servers   | S. Eaglin; N. Eaglin;<br>G. Reichle | B. Yak; C. Villafane;<br>A. McMahon      | L. Love; T. Cox;<br>E. Serb                 |

/inistry Schedules: Saturday, October 28th & Sunday, October 29th



Our Parish Staff: Fr. Matthew Heinrich, Pastor Fr. Robert Fedek, Weekend Assistant Deacon Rick & Carol Moritz Deacon Ronald & Connie Gronek Vincent Kennedy, Director of Operations Scott Will, Director of Worship Melissa Anna, Office Administration & Communications/ Bulletin Editor Elizabeth Doyle, Assistant Director of Music Marilyn Sadowski, Receptionist Bernadette Anna, Parish Sacristan Michael La Haye, Head of Maintenance

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### What's Happening @ IC ...

### Monday, October 23rd -

10:15 A.M.-Noon – Monday Morning Bible Study Begins; RA 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Fall Alpha Monday Evening Session; RA 7:00-8:30 P.M. – Overtones Rehearsal; CH

<u>Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup></u>-6:30 P.M. – Alpha Executive Team Mtg.; RA

Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> -8:30 A.M. – School Mass; CH 2:10-3:30 P.M. – Choristers Rehearsal; CH 4:00-5:00 P.M. – Religious Education Program Class (*except Grade 8*); SC 7:00 P.M. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Mtg.; Zoom 7:00-8:00 P.M. – Future City Mtg.; WCR 7:30-9:00 P.M. – IC Athletic Committee Mtg.; NWCR

*Friday, October* 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:30-8:30 P.M. – IC Teen Club Mtg.; RA 8:00 P.M. – Men's Basketball; SG

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> -9:30-10:15 A.M. – Confessions; CH canzoneri@iccowboys.net fitzgerald@iccowboys.net szwedo@iccowboys.net kessler@iccowboys.net haley@iccowboys.net

### Your Gifts to God and Parish...

If you plan to move from our parish, please notify our Parish Office at least three months prior to your change of address. Also, if you will be away from home for more than 3 months, please contact us so that your envelopes can be stopped during that time period.

If you have transitioned to electronic giving and still receive offertory envelopes, please contact our Parish Office so that we can discontinue your receiving of envelopes.

**Parish Registration:** Please contact our Parish Office at 773.775.3833 or visit our parish website at www.icchicago.org to join our parish family.

**Bulletin Deadline**: The deadline for all bulletin submissions is Friday at Noon – 8 days prior to the Sunday it will appear.

Bulletin submissions are accepted via email at: parishbulletin@icchicago.org

# MINISTRY NEWS

Come Join Us...



Lector Morning of Reflection

Saturday, November 4, 2023 9:00 A.M. until 12:30 P.M.

Come join fellow ministers from *Immaculate Conception, Mary, Seat of Wisdom, Our Lady of Hope, Our Lady of Ransom, St. Juliana, Mary Mother of Martyrs* and *St. Paul of the Cross* for a morning of reflection and renewal. The morning will start with a Celebration of the Eucharist and will feature **Bishop Bartosic** who will share a reflection on Scripture as the Word of God. The event will be held on the **Mary, Seat of Wisdom Parish campus** located at 920 W. Granville in Park Ridge.

Please contact your Lector Ministry Coordinator, Laurie Beckman at <u>ceannrua@email.com</u> with your intention to attend **by Saturday, October 21**<sup>st</sup> so we can plan accordingly.

# Save My Scholarship

State lawmakers are considering ending the tax credit scholarship program referred to as "Invest in Kids." This program has provided nearly 40,000 scholarships to help families send their children to a school of their choice.

# **DO NOT LET THIS PROGRAM END!**

Please act now and contact your state senator and state representative. Send them a strong message respectfully asking them to continue this valuable program. You can do so by using the QR code below, by calling us at the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 217.528.9200, or visit our website at www.ilcatholic.org



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