



## **Diocese of St. Petersburg**

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### **BACKGROUND ABOUT THE FLORIDA TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Florida Legislature created the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program in 2001 to give low-income parents more educational choices for their children. The scholarship has helped thousands of students to attend the school of their choosing. All scholarships are funded by corporations that receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for their contributions.

The 2015-2016 school year will provide \$447.3 million in scholarships to serve approximately 78,000 low-income children in more than 1,500 non-public schools around the state.

There are 13,369 Catholic students who receive support from the scholarship throughout the state; 1,380 of those are students in the Diocese of St. Petersburg.