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SHINE THE LIGHT GALA

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Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with great joy and heartfelt gratitude that I welcome you to the Archdiocese of Baltimore's 2025 Shine the Light Gala. This evening, we gather not only in celebration but in shared mission—to illuminate the path of faith-filled education for countless children and families across our Archdiocese.

For many years, this Gala has held a special place in my heart because of the incredible impact it has on our community. Through your generosity and dedication, we are able to provide access to high-quality, Catholic education—an education that forms young hearts and minds in truth, love, and service. Since the inception of this event in 2009, more than \$10 million has been raised, an extraordinary testament to the unwavering support of individuals like you who believe in the transformative power of Catholic education.

Tonight, as we reflect on the theme Shine the Light, we are reminded that each of us plays a vital role in this mission. Whether you are a donor, a supporter, a teacher, or a parent, your presence here signifies a commitment to something far greater than ourselves. You are part of a quiet but powerful force—one that uplifts, empowers, and makes a profound difference in the lives of children who seek the blessings of a Catholic school education.

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, our Catholic schools, and the many families whose lives are changed because of your kindness, I extend my deepest appreciation. Thank you for your generosity, your faith, and your steadfast belief in the mission of Catholic education. May God bless you abundantly as we continue to shine His light for generations to come.

With prayerful gratitude,



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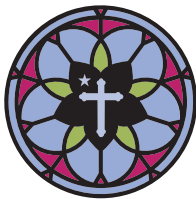
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Tonight, we present a special news broadcast celebrating Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, highlighting inspiring stories, achievements, and generous supporters. This is *Shine the Light News*, where faith, education, and hope unite.

Opening Broadcast: *Mark Viviano, Retired, WJZ-TV*

Moment of Faith: *Student Anchors—Adriana Mendoza and Justin Griffin*

Gratitude to Sponsors: *Chair, Corporate Sponsorship Committee, Tyler Tate*

Feature Story: *Impact of Catholic education*

Intermission: *A brief dinner break*

Excellence in Education: *A spotlight on our Blue Ribbon Schools*

Celebrating Heroes: *Tribute to the 2025 Medals of Honor recipients*

Archbishop's Reflections: *His Excellency, Archbishop William Lori*

Keynote Address: *Stephon Dingle, WJZ-TV*

As we close this memorable evening, we invite you to dance, enjoy a selection of late-night snacks, and continue celebrating the light you've helped shine.

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ABOUT THE ARCHDIOCESAN GALA

In 2009, in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the opening of the first Catholic school in the United States, the Archdiocese of Baltimore launched the Annual Gala for Catholic Education. Rooted in our mission to make Catholic education accessible to all, this event has been a shining light for families seeking a faith-filled, academically excellent learning environment for their children.

Over the past 16 years, this signature celebration has illuminated the profound impact and enduring legacy of Catholic education. It has provided a stage to honor the dedication of our educators, showcase the achievements of our students, and bring together a community of faithful supporters. Most importantly, the Gala has been a beacon of hope, raising more than \$10 million in tuition assistance—helping families turn the dream of a Catholic education into a reality.

As we continue to *Shine the Light*, we recognize that this mission is more vital than ever. By working together, we ensure that the light of faith, knowledge, and opportunity continues to brighten the path for generations to come, transforming lives and strengthening the future of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

GALA COMMITTEE

The *Shine the Light* Gala Committee is composed of dedicated members of our community who share a steadfast commitment to making Catholic education both affordable and accessible for families across the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Their tireless efforts and generous hearts help illuminate the path of faith and learning, creating opportunities that will impact generations to come.

On behalf of Archbishop Lori and the Archdiocese of Baltimore, we extend our deepest gratitude to the following individuals for their invaluable contributions:

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When the Archdiocese of Baltimore launched the Archdiocesan Gala, it began as a celebration of the legacy and promise of Catholic education. From the very beginning, the response from our community of supporters has been both humbling and inspiring.

Over the years, supporters like you have done more than fund scholarships—you have changed lives. Your generosity has lit the way for students who might never have had access to a Catholic education. You've opened doors, eased burdens, and helped shape futures rooted in faith, learning, and service.

Tonight, as we gather once again under the theme “Shine the Light,” we are reminded of the quiet power of collective generosity. You are part of a community that believes deeply in the mission of Catholic schools, and because of that belief, countless children and families have found hope, purpose, and opportunity. To you —whether you've joined us for the first time or have been with us since the beginning—thank you. You shine the light. And that light continues to guide, inspire, and illuminate the future.

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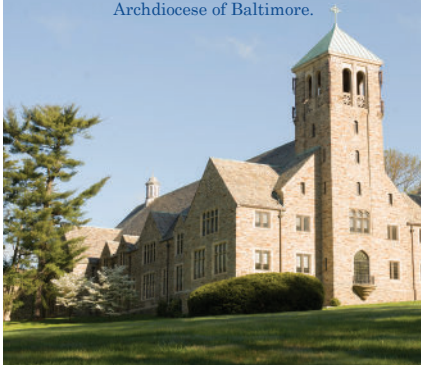
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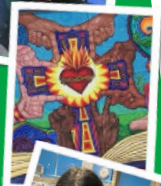
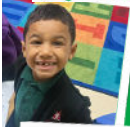
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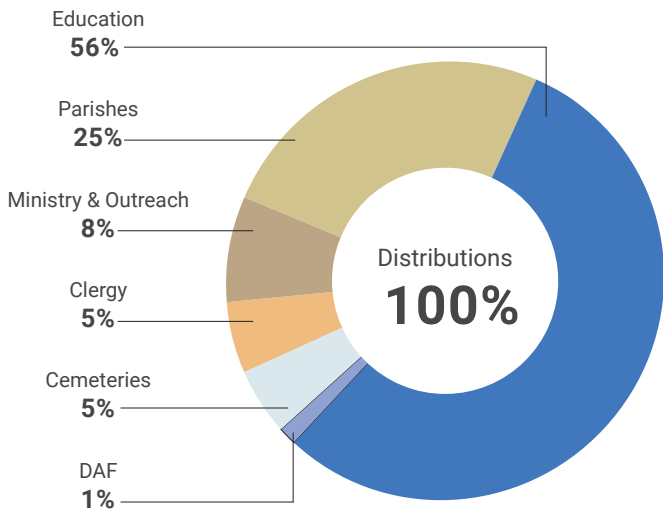


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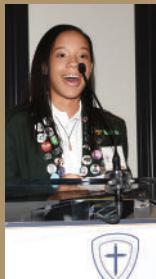
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