

# TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

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## Our Commitment to Catholic School Students Continues

The *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign is fully dedicated to supporting and investing in the young adults who will continue its legacy for decades to come. As a part of the campaign, over \$19 million has been awarded to students through Caritas scholarships, allowing families in need to send their children to Catholic Schools.

With the 2019/20 school year in full swing, this month's edition of the newsletter features two students attending Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools who have benefitted from the scholarship. Both families are extremely grateful for the generosity of the donors of this campaign and are delighted they can continue enrolling their children in Catholic Schools.

We pray that all of the students, teachers and volunteers are continuing to enjoy this school year. God bless you all.



## St. Thomas the Apostle School Family Enrolls Four Daughters in Catholic School and the Youngest Becomes a Caritas Scholarship Recipient



Pictured above are Kara and her daughters. From left to right: Leah, Kara, Jasmine, Cheyenne (Caritas scholarship recipient) and Holly.

Kara Rem has four daughters (ages 26, 19, 15 and 12), all who have attended St. Thomas the Apostle, located at 5467 South Woodlawn Ave. in Chicago. All four daughters have been enrolled since preschool and the oldest moved on to attend Catholic high school. Cheyenne, her youngest daughter is currently a student at St. Thomas the Apostle.

“Cheyenne has been at St. Thomas since she was three years old and is now in 7th grade,” said Kara. “She has literally grown up at St. Thomas and while we have seen many changes over the years, Cheyenne has really enjoyed being a student. Most of the teachers she has had over the years are still there, and cannot believe she is now old enough to be in the classes her sisters were in.”

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Placing four girls in Catholic school throughout their entire elementary, junior and high school years is no small feat, and the principal at St. Thomas the Apostle informed Kara of the Caritas scholarship and encouraged her to apply. Cheyenne received a \$2,000, which helped Kara tremendously.

"The Caritas scholarship has allowed our family to continue to send our children to Catholic school," said Kara. "I have had no less than three children in Catholic school at the same time, which over the years has been a great financial strain, and I'm so grateful to the donors who contribute to this scholarship and the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign."

Strengthening Catholic education is a key element of the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign. Understanding that Catholic schools are vital in forming the next generation in faith and knowledge, with input and direction from a group of donors the archdiocese created the Caritas Scholarship Program in 2014. The program ensures that access to a high-quality, Catholic education continues to be a possibility for students and families across Cook and Lake Counties. The Caritas Scholarship fund also includes support from the archdiocese.

"I have always believed when religion is implemented in school, it teaches the students additional values that they may not be exposed to in a different school setting," said Kara. "It gives them the ability to be more well-rounded people, and an understanding of what being a Christian is all about."

To learn more about St. Thomas the Apostle, please visit [stapostleschool.com](http://stapostleschool.com).

## Sergott Family's Son Receives Caritas Scholarship and Continues Excelling in School

Daniel and Allien Sergott, and their son, Daniel, are extremely family-oriented and always make faith a priority. When Daniel was old enough to attend preschool, Daniel and Allien enrolled him at Christ Our Savior, an Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic School located at 900 E 154th St. in South Holland, Ill.

"Our son was baptized in the Catholic church, so it was very important that he attend Catholic school," said Daniel. We decided to check out Christ Our Savior and Daniel took to it like a fish in the water. He began to excel academically and we were so pleased with how much enjoyed it."

The Sergott's experience at Christ Our Savior was extraordinary throughout Daniel's first year. The Sergotts have been very impressed with how much the teachers invested in Daniel and the other students at the school.

"It's incredible to witness how much Daniel absorbs at school, and how much of an impact his teachers are having on his personal and spiritual growth," said Allien. "He's coming home and singing songs, sharing the things he's learned, and brings up stories and verses from the bible. The curriculum is so advanced and we appreciate that he's growing in his faith."

While the Sergotts couldn't imagine sending Daniel anywhere else for school, the tuition costs were too steep for them to afford.

"I know there are a lot of families like ours where both family members have to work, and we really loved Christ our Savior, but with the expenses, we didn't know if we could afford it," said Daniel. "We are so grateful we were encouraged to apply because we wouldn't be able to send Daniel to Christ Our Savior if the scholarship didn't exist."

Daniel was one of many students at Christ Our Savior who received the Caritas scholarship last school year, and thanks to the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign, the scholarship continues to be awarded to thousands of students each year.

"We would like the donors to know how great of a blessing their contributions to this scholarship are," said Daniel. "Our reason for sending him to Catholic school is to get a good education, and have a religious aspect in school, and he's receiving that and more."

To learn more about Christ Our Savior, please visit [christoursaviorcatholicsschool.org](http://christoursaviorcatholicsschool.org).



Daniel and Allien Sergot were thrilled to be able to continue sending their son, Daniel (pictured above), to Christ Our Savior after receiving the Caritas scholarship.

## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**Overall Campaign Goal: \$350,000,000**

Total Raised to Date: \$422,984,795\*

Percent of Goal Pledged: 121%

Pledges Paid to Date: \$237,254,578

Percent Paid to Date: 68%

\*includes cash, documented pledges and bequests

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