



Dear Friend of Catholic Schools,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Eastern Deanery Priests to ask you to support our first-ever joint fundraiser for Catholic Schools in Volusia County. On April 12, 2024, parishioners and school staff from throughout the Eastern Deanery of the Orlando Diocese are coming together to host a “Casino Night” to raise the funds needed to help make faith-based education affordable and improve infrastructure.

The seven Catholic Schools in Volusia County offer academic excellence in a positive culture where all students are free to discover their full potential through scholarly pursuits, athletics, and service leadership. And, Catholic schools, in general, have high graduation and college placement rates.

Unfortunately, rising tuition costs prevent many families from sending their children to Catholic Schools. While numerous students receive some level of aid from school or parish financial assistance programs, there aren't enough resources currently available to help all who apply. We want to change that and provide funds for needed infrastructure improvements.

Preparations are underway to hold a fun, casino themed event at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Parish Center, in Port Orange, to raise the funds needed to provide more students with the opportunity to receive a Catholic Education. Our goal is to make this an annual event in support of local families and children.

This task is only possible with support from parishioners, friends, and the community. There are many ways you can contribute to the success of this event!

- **Attend the Event:** Get your tickets now to attend our 1920's themed DRESS TO IMPRESS casino gathering. You never know who may show up - Al Capone or even Bonnie and Clyde. See the QR code or email link below that will take you directly to the ticket office. *Tickets will sell fast so act now!*
- **Purchase a Reverse Raffle Ticket:** In conjunction with the Casino Night, we will be running a REVERSE RAFFLE. The last ticket drawn will win the GRAND CASH PRIZE of \$2,500! Other prizes are \$1,500 of jewelry by Kilman Jewelers, \$1,000 of jewelry by Jewelry of Joy. Additionally, we are offering many smaller cash prizes, totaling over \$1,000. A limit of 600 tickets at \$25 each will be sold.
- **Make a Tax-Deductible Donation:** It will make a difference in a child's education!
- **Do you work for a company that may be willing to donate an item or become a sponsor?** Available sponsorships range from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Sponsors will receive tickets to the event and promotional consideration.

For more information or giving/sponsorship opportunities, please the below links and QR code. I thank you for your consideration and support of Catholic Education.

Reverend Mathew G Mello, V. F.  
Chairman, Eastern Deanery of Orlando, Fl

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