

THE Angel Gazette



The latest good news about our Be An Angel to a Student Program!

Dear Angel Donor,

As the school year comes to a close, we celebrate all that our students have accomplished, especially our 8th graders, who are preparing to take their next big step into high school. This moment marks a turning point in their journey, built on the strong foundation of a Catholic education made possible by your generosity.

Your support does more than fund tuition—it opens doors. Because of you, students are not only equipped to succeed academically but are also eligible for scholarships that lead to some of the best Catholic high schools in Brooklyn, Queens, and beyond. You are paving the way for lives filled with promise and purpose.

To those who have already given for the next school year, thank you. If you haven't yet, we warmly invite you to make a gift today. Every dollar brings another student closer to the stability and success a Catholic education provides.

Please share the story of our Angel Program with your family, friends, and colleagues. The more people who know about this mission, the more students we can reach—together.

As summer begins, may you take pride in knowing your support is giving peace of mind to families and hope to children who now see a brighter future ahead, all thanks to you.

Thank you for being an Angel.

Sincerely,

John Notaro

John Notaro
Executive Director
Futures in Education



Paving the Way: How Angel Support Is Fueling 8th Graders' Dreams

The transition from elementary to high school is a defining milestone in every student's academic journey. For many of our 8th graders across Brooklyn and Queens, that leap is made possible by the unwavering generosity of Angel supporters.

Scholarship assistance plays a pivotal role in opening doors to the Catholic high school education these students deserve, setting them on a path to academic excellence, personal growth, and spiritual development. With the support of our donors, these young scholars are overcoming financial barriers, pursuing their dreams, and stepping confidently into the future.

One Angel student's family shared their heartfelt thanks as their son James, 8th grader at Good Shepherd Catholic Academy prepares for high school: *"Thank you for another year of assistance. We are truly grateful, especially during this special year. As our daughter continues her education at Good Shepherd, James is graduating and moving on to the next chapter of his life. James will be attending St. Edmund's Prep High School. He has been looking forward to high school as he will finally be able to attend with his older cousin.*

*During this summer, James will take some time to relax and look back on his accomplishments. **He is graduating with honors and wants to do the same in high school. Thank you, Angel, for making this possible through your support.**"*

James, an 8th grader and Angel student at Holy Child Jesus Catholic Academy in Queens, reflects on the strong foundation his Catholic education has given him and the excitement of what's ahead: *"I truly thank you for your support. **This is my final year at Holy Child Jesus Catholic Academy, where I've spent the last 10 years—and it's always felt like a second home.** I've participated in Dancing Classrooms, was runner-up in the math bee, and will be making my Confirmation in May, taking the name of St. Patrick. I'm also excited to take part in all the special 8th grade events—our class trip, graduation breakfast and Mass, 8th grade pin ceremony, dance, and of course, graduation in a cap and gown.*

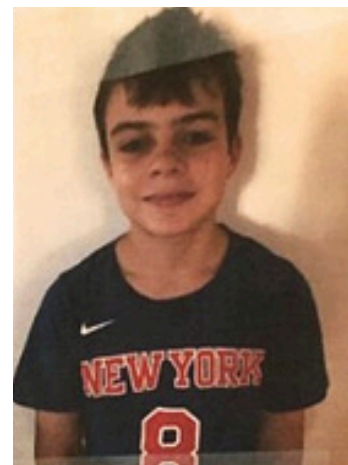
*I believe deeply in Catholic education, where God is at the center of our lives and being Christ for others is our mission. HCJCA has helped teach and guide me through the years, and thanks to your support, **I'll graduate in June and attend Molloy High School this fall.** I'm looking forward to the future but will always treasure the memories I've made here."*

Thanks to the vital support of Angel donors, the 8th-grade class across Brooklyn and Queens Catholic schools has built a strong foundation that has helped them earn scholarships to top Catholic high schools. The assistance they received throughout elementary and middle school empowered them to excel academically, grow in their faith, and pursue opportunities that will shape their future. These scholarships not only recognize their dedication and hard work but also reflect the lasting impact of early investment in their education.

Angel donors have played an essential role in preparing these students for success, ensuring that they step confidently into this new chapter with the knowledge, values, and ambition to thrive—affirming their potential, celebrating their hard work, and lighting the way for a brighter future



James, 8th grader at Good Shepherd Catholic Academy



James, 8th grader and Angel Student at Holy Child of Jesus

Save the date!

A Round for Kids Annual Golf Outing

Monday, October 6th, 2025

Hempstead Country Club



*Scan to
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Neresa Gordon and Her Family's Journey to a Brighter Future

Neresa Gordon is a dedicated foster parent to six children, including one adopted daughter, Kendra-Lee, and three siblings—Chioma, Chiamaka, and Stanley—whom she is in the process of adopting. She also has two other children, Eli and Maby. Neresa's journey as a foster parent has been one of love, sacrifice, and unwavering faith.

Initially, Neresa's children attended charter schools, but she began noticing concerning changes in their behavior—habits that she didn't recognize and didn't want them exposed to. Feeling uncertain about how to provide them with the education they needed, she turned to God for guidance. It was then that God sent her an angel in the form of Ms. Freebes, the principal at Saints Joachim and Anne School. Ms. Freebes not only reassured Neresa but also introduced her to the *Angel* Program, a resource that would change the course of her children's futures.

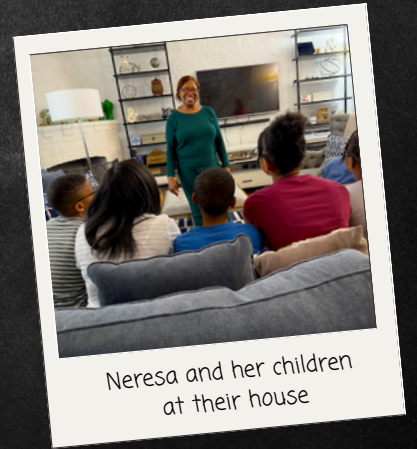
Neresa reflects on the moment she learned about the *Angel* Program: "The *Angel* Program wasn't just about tuition assistance—it was about opportunity, security, and a future I never thought I could give my children."

Thanks to the support of the *Angel* Program, Neresa was able to enroll all five of her children in Catholic school, where they found an environment of love, support, and academic excellence. Kendra-Lee will soon attend St. Francis Preparatory School, and Chioma is preparing for high school as well, both of them on the path to a brighter future.

We were honored to celebrate Neresa at our Annual Scholarship Dinner, where her story of resilience and faith was shared. One of the most touching moments of the evening was when Neresa and her children had the opportunity to meet one of their *Angel* donors in person—a powerful reminder of the community that surrounds and uplifts families like hers. Neresa's experience is a testament to the life-changing impact of the *Angel* Program, which has given her children the opportunity to thrive in a nurturing environment that supports their academic, spiritual, and personal growth.



Neresa meeting her child's Angel Donor at our Annual Scholarship Dinner



Neresa and her children at their house

Our students are soaring with gratitude and sending

Dear Angel,

I Thank you for your support with my tuition through out the years. As a child my parents choosen Catholic school so I can stay close to ^{God} and be motivated to be an excellent student and a good person.

As a student my grades in some subjects did improved. I am still working on math which is very difficult but is being tutor to win it over. I am grateful for the Angel program for helping my parents financially for paying for my classes.

I am about to go into grade nine at Nazareth Regional High School. This is where I want to attend. If it was not for the Angel program it would have been impossible. So I do appreciate the program and thank them from my heart.



Dear Angel,

This year I am truly grateful to have a supportive angel like you! I am also blessed to have great family and friends. Because of your generosity I am able to continue my Catholic education at St. Athanasius Catholic Academy.

Dear Angel, Thank you for giving me the chance to be in church school with my friends. I love gym and recess because I can talk to my friends. I am going to camp this summer with my friend.

VOICES OF THE CLASS OF 2025

our 8th grade students share their stories and reflect on their time in Catholic School

"As I get ready to start a new journey, I'm eager to experience all that high school has in store for me. Still, I have to say—I'll truly miss my teachers, my friends, and my sibling who will remain at Resurrection-Ascension Catholic Academy.

Each of my teachers has pushed me to be better and always do my best, helping to prepare me for this next step, and for that, I'm very thankful.

Thank you, Futures in Education, for the opportunity to continue my Catholic education through your generous support."

Brandon Delgado

Resurrection-Ascension Catholic Academy | Archbishop Molloy High School

We're feeling both excited and thankful for what's to come. Thankful for our friends and family, thankful for Sacred Heart and thankful to Futures in Education for making this possible.

We will miss our friends and the memories we are sharing during this last month of 8th grade. We look forward to the boarding school experience and everything Taft has to offer—from extracurricular activities to their variety of competitive programs. Thank you!

Jason and Justin Myers

Sacred Heart Catholic Academy - Cambria Heights | The Taft School

"My emotions are all over the place as I get ready to enter high school. I'm not necessarily scared—maybe a little nervous—but I know I'm ready to take the next step forward. I've been at SFA Brooklyn since second grade, so this moment feels both sentimental and bittersweet.

What I'll miss most about SFA are the friendships, the strong sense of community, the sisterhood, and the family I've built over the years. From the highs to the lows, every experience has been part of my safe space. I'm especially grateful to the teachers who have always had our best interests at heart.

As I look ahead to high school, I'm excited about chasing success, staying inspired, and achieving great things. I'm looking forward to the full high school experience—and most of all, to creating memories that will live forever in my heart, my mind, and my life."

Jayssell Facey

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy - Brooklyn | Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School

"I am excited and happy to be going to Cathedral Prep. While I look forward to this next chapter, I know I will miss my teachers and friends from Our Lady of Hope. I've made great memories—especially on school field trips—and I'm proud to have received my Confirmation. I'm also excited to be graduating soon.

At Cathedral Prep, I look forward to meeting new friends, learning new things, and continuing my Catholic education and faith."

Vincent Yodice

Our Lady of Hope Catholic Academy | Cathedral Prep

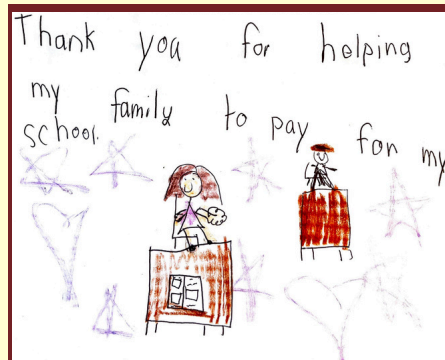
their love through Angel Mail!

Dear Angel,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for choosing me as a recipient of the Angel Scholarship. I am deeply appreciative of your support and all the good that you do. I am currently in 3rd grade, I've been student of the month of Feb and honor roll student thanks to the financial assistance you have provided, it helped me tremendously and keep me going. Because of what you have done for me, I can follow my dream to continue my education. Thank you again for your very important financial assistance.

Sincerely,
Madison Mary

Hello My name is Isabella. I am 7 Years old. I am in 1st grade. I want to be a nun when I grow up. Thank you helping me have a catholic Education!



THANK YOU DONOR

Unlocking Opportunity:

The Educational Choice for Children Act (ECCA)

ECCA, now part of the federal "One Big Beautiful Bill," would **provide 100% tax credits to individuals who donate to Scholarship Granting Organizations like Futures in Education**. This legislation is a powerful opportunity for donors to directly impact students' lives by expanding access to private and faith-based K-12 education.

Your support has always been vital in breaking down financial barriers. **With ECCA, your generosity can go even further**—empowering more families in Brooklyn and Queens to choose a Catholic education. We will share updates as they become available.



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From Our Superintendent

As the school year comes to a close, my heart is filled with gratitude and pride. This season marks a meaningful milestone as we celebrate the graduation of our 8th-grade students - young women and men who have grown in wisdom, stature and favor within the embrace of our Catholic schools.

As Superintendent of Schools for the Catholic schools in Brooklyn and Queens, it is an honor to witness the remarkable transformation of our students.

Their journey has been shaped by the unwavering commitment of our dedicated faculties and staff members, whose passion for Catholic education radiates through every lesson taught and every life touched. At the center of all we do is Jesus Christ, guiding our shared mission to nurture the spiritual, academic, and personal growth of each student entrusted to our care.

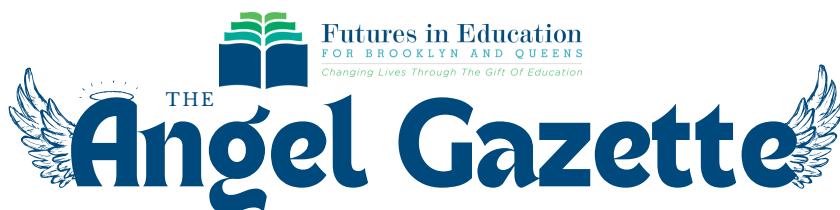
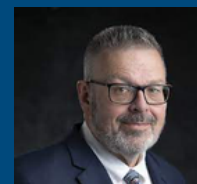
Our graduates leave us not only with academic knowledge, but with hearts formed by faith, compassion, and a sense of purpose. They are ready to step into the world as leaders—rooted in Catholic values and prepared to inspire, serve, and make a difference. Our graduates are ready to change the world!

To our families, educators, and supporters: thank you for walking alongside our students. Your faith in and support of our mission in this journey are vital to their success.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025! May God continue to bless and guide you on the path ahead.

Sincerely,

Deacon Kevin McCormack
Superintendent
Catholic Schools of BQ



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