



# E-NEWS



## FURTHERING THE MISSION | September 2021

### Back to School! Enrollment on the Rebound for the 2021/22 Academic Year



"For the first time in a decade, schools in the Diocese of Brooklyn are seeing overall growth – 60 percent of them have seen an increase in enrollment. It's also the first summer in a while that a Catholic academy didn't permanently close.

As for the Vicar for Catholic Schools, Monsignor David Cassato, he thinks it has something to do with how they handled the pandemic.

"We were able to keep our schools open," Msgr. Cassato said. "Parents saw us and saw how good we were doing it, and I think that's what opened their eyes to Catholic education."

[Read the full Currents news story HERE](#)

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Diocesan Catholic Foundation to Help More Students With Scholarships This Year - *Catholic Foundation via The Tablet*

"CFBQ financially supports the local Catholic community's spiritual, educational, and social needs through the

### 2021 Events

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Futures in Education  
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October 19th**  
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procurement and building of endowment funds — awarding over \$2 million in grants annually. The Futures in Education (FIE) program provides assistance to the neediest of diocesan school students through endowments and fundraising initiatives.

When FIE found itself helping hundreds of the neediest families who were unable to pay school tuition during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years, CFBQ complemented FIE's scholarship aid with additional funds.

Through its grants program, the foundation gave \$350,000 to FIE, which ultimately helped 280 students in 52 parish schools and Catholic academies across Brooklyn and Queens. The average award for each student was \$1,250, according to CFBQ and FIE Executive Director John Notaro." [Read the full \*Tablet\* article here.](#)

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## Scholarships for Outstanding Students in Remembrance of Monsignor John C. Tosi - *Catholic Foundation*



*The Monsignor John C. Tosi Scholarship Fund for Christian Leadership* was established with Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens this past spring in honor of the beloved and late Monsignor Tosi. The fund was made possible by the generosity of family, friends and parishioners of St. Luke parish in Whitestone where he served as pastor at the time of his passing. Monsignor Tosi strongly believed in and supported Catholic education. The fund provides an annual scholarship to one girl and one boy graduating St. Luke Catholic Academy to attend a local Catholic high school.

On June 10, 8<sup>th</sup> graders **Julianna Amato** and **GianAnthony Gaito** were announced the recipients of the first ever Monsignor Tosi Scholarship for exhibiting excellent academic standing and the spirit of Catholic service! [Click here to read more.](#)

[Learn more about Endowment Funds](#)

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## The Joys of Bringing Jesus to our Youth - *Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative*

Elaine Tontoh always knew that being a youth minister was God's plan for her. Originally from Ghana, Elaine was part of youth ministry in her own parish, Star of the Sea. She was also a musical director as well as a mentor to several young boys and girls. Elaine was honored to help these young children find their purpose in God and in life.



After emigrating to the United States in 2011 with her husband to pursue educational opportunities, Elaine joined St. Francis of Assisi-St. Blaise Parish in Brooklyn, where she has been a cantor for the last 10 years. In 2019, Elaine was gifted the opportunity to continue her faith's mission as a youth minister at St. Therese of Lisieux parish and one year later also at St. Francis of Assisi-St. Blaise. [Click here to read more.](#)

**Donate to The Annual Catholic Appeal**

## Why Choose a Catholic Education? - Monsignor Jamie Gigantiello and Monsignor David Cassato on 103.5 FM KTU CARES



Msgr David Cassato and Msgr Jamie Gigantiello discussed with 103.5 KTU the importance of Catholic education for their special KTU Cares.

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## The 40th Annual Great Irish Fair of New York - September 25 at the Coney Island Amphitheatre



On September 25, 2021 the Irish will once again fill the boardwalk at Coney Island to celebrate the Irish culture. More details will be posted as they become available. Because of the success of the 2020 Great Irish Fair which was conducted in a virtual format garnering viewers around the world, the 2021 Great Irish Fair will also be live-streamed via our [Facebook page](#) so that anyone who wants to be a part of the experience has that opportunity. Any questions please reach out via email to [info@iabsny.com](mailto:info@iabsny.com)

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