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# HAPPENINGS



JANUARY 2015

*Celebrating  
10 years of Service  
to Long Island  
Children and  
Families*



Dear Friends of Tomorrow's Hope Foundation,

On behalf of the families and children we serve at Tomorrow's Hope Foundation, I should like to wish you and your family a healthy and prosperous New Year and to thank you for all of your generous support of our vital mission. In this, our 10th Anniversary, we invite you to join us in celebrating the indispensable contribution that the Foundation has made to Catholic education on Long Island.



*Edward Short  
Executive Director*

In March 2005, Bishop William Murphy requested that a foundation be put together that would be dedicated to helping sustain and improve Long Island's Catholic elementary schools. Our Chairman Lewis Ranieri responded by assembling a superb board of prominent professionals, business leaders and diocesan administrators, many of whom are with us still. From that point on, parents seeking scholarship aid have applied to Tomorrow's Hope to enable their children to reap the lifelong benefits of our academically rigorous, faith-based Catholic schools.

Since 2005, we have awarded over 13,000 scholarships for a total of \$15 million in scholarships and school aid. In 2014 alone, we awarded \$1.6 million in scholarships, which will enable 1,900 k-8th grade students to attend our schools.

Thanks to the continuing support of individual donors and corporate sponsors, our special events remain highly successful. In 2014, our golf outings and our gala collectively raised over \$1.5 million. Currently, we are in the process of planning our 10th Anniversary gala. We look forward to making our decennial dinner our best ever.

In addition, Tomorrow's Hope created two pivotal programs: our Adopt-A-School program, which encourages Long Island corporations to support a specific school in our network; and our STARS program, which matches donors with low-income students, who, in turn, send letters and progress reports to their sponsors.

These are just some of the ways in which our generous donors have collaborated with Tomorrow's Hope over the past decade to help today's children take advantage of the academic, spiritual and civic benefits of Catholic education. As we enter the New Year, we look forward to working with you to ensure that these benefits continue to be available for as many students as possible. To accomplish that, we are also putting in place a comprehensive grants, major gifts and planned giving program for our overall development plan.

Thank you for all of your wonderful support. And God bless you for continuing to help form the next generation of Catholic leaders.

*Edw. Short*

Edward Short





*Tomorrow's Hope Foundation's mission is to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic Schools on Long Island by increasing awareness and by providing scholarship and program funding for the needs of students and schools.*



## Christmas Under the STARS

Our Student Tuition Assistance Relationship (STAR) program is designed to give generous donors who donate \$2,000 per year, to an individual student, an opportunity to receive progress notes, cards and updates from their sponsored student. Student's receiving STAR scholarships often develop a special relationship with their STAR donors. Correspondence between students and their STAR supporters is facilitated through Tomorrow's Hope, giving students a chance to thank their sponsors, and keep them updated on what's happening in school throughout the year.

This past Christmas season our STAR students thanked their generous sponsors by making Christmas tree ornaments, working diligently to create beautiful and festive decorations that their sponsors can proudly display on their Christmas trees.

We currently have 100 STAR sponsors. We can greatly expand our STAR program to benefit even more children and families who need financial aid to send their children to our network of outstanding Catholic elementary schools. Please consider helping one student thrive in our schools by becoming a STAR because, after all, *Today's children are Tomorrow's Hope.*

**Be a STAR today.** Help the future Catholic leaders of tomorrow.



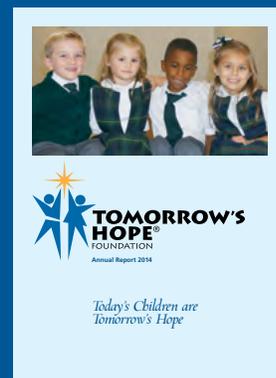
**Donate Now**

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## Tomorrow's Hope Releases 2014 Annual Report!

Tomorrow's Hope released its Annual Report at the end of 2014. The Annual Report highlights the past year of accomplishments for the Foundation. The report features testimonials from donors of our individual and corporate giving programs, information about our three annual special events, and updates on the academic, spiritual and civic progress in our elementary schools. To view this report, please [click here](#). To have a copy of the report mailed to you, please contact Kaitlin Walter at 516-745-7640 or [kwalter@tomorrowshopefoundation.org](mailto:kwalter@tomorrowshopefoundation.org).

Please consider sharing our Annual Report with friends, family and business associates who may wish to donate to Tomorrow's Hope to help us sustain our network of schools.



## Christmas Time at Our 47 Catholic Elementary Schools

Christmas is a very special time for all of our various elementary schools throughout Long Island. In early December in each of our schools, our nursery and pre-k students present a Nativity Play to their parents and loved ones. Older students, who participate in chorus, music, band or drama, perform in an after school Christmas Concert and Pageant. Each year, our students, teachers, staff and parents look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ by participating in the school's pageants, plays and concerts. Our schools also hold Christmas fairs for shopping, breakfast with Santa with family photo opportunities, and toy drives to give back to those less fortunate. As we all come together to celebrate Christmas, we remember the greatest gift of all—the gift of Jesus.



### THF By the Numbers:

- 1,900 scholarships distributed in 2014.
- \$1.6m in scholarships awarded in 2014.
- \$15m in scholarships and school aid since 2005.
- 15,000 scholarships awarded since 2005.

### Catholic Elementary School "Fast Facts"

- Long Island Catholic Elementary Schools represent the 43 Nassau and Suffolk Catholic elementary schools run by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Additionally, there are four private Catholic elementary schools on LI.
- Over 17,000 students are currently enrolled. Student's ages range from Nursery through eighth grade.
- Our schools meet or exceed New York State Guidelines and feature an integrated program of faith and values.



The value of **learning**. The learning of **values**.

## Catholic Schools Week JANUARY 25 - 31

Catholic Schools Week is an annual event, celebrated across the country during the last week in January. The week is set aside to celebrate the unique nature of the Catholic schools in each community. In addition to featuring special events (teacher and parent recognition days, school 'spirit' days, special assemblies, etc), Catholic Schools Week also encourages schools to open their doors to the families of the parish/parishes they serve, and to the general public who might be considering the benefits of a Catholic education.

Catholic Schools Week is a crucial part of a rigorous marketing effort undertaken by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The goal is to build the brand—Catholic Elementary Schools of Long Island—and in January during Catholic Schools Week the very specific goal is to drive attendance at one of many Open Houses. This is very important as increased enrollment helps sustain our network of 47 Catholic elementary schools. Together, we can secure the future of Catholic elementary schools on Long Island!

If you know a family with school-age children, please extend them an invitation to join us at a Catholic Schools Week Open House at a school near them. [Click here](#) for the complete list.



## Mark your Calendars!

### ✓ Thursday, May 21st, 2015

Tomorrow's Hope Foundation will celebrate its **10th Annual Stars for Students Scholarship Gala** at RXR Plaza in Uniondale.

### ✓ Monday, October 5th, 2015

the Foundation will hold its **10th Annual Swinging for Scholarships Golf Outing** at the esteemed Meadow Brook Club in Jericho.

## Join Our Mailing List

Please help us grow our e-mail list. Please forward to friends, family, and colleagues who would be interested in learning more about Tomorrow's Hope.

## Join Us in Congratulating Sister Joanne Callahan, OSU

Congratulations to our very own Sister Joanne Callahan, OSU., Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Rockville Centre and Board Member of Tomorrow's Hope Foundation, on being recognized by the Catholic School Administrators Association of the State of New York with the 'Lighting the Fire Award' which recognizes individuals who have made a difference in the ministry of Catholic education in New York State. Please join us in congratulating Sister Joanne on this well-deserved honor.

*Bravissima, Sister Joanne!*

