

## **Our schools will be part of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) for the 2017-18 school year.**

**St. Mary Catholic School, Burlington**                      **St. Charles Parish School, Burlington**  
**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish School, Waterford**   **St. Francis de Sales Parish School, Lake Geneva**  
**St. Peter's Catholic School, East Troy**                      **St. Andrew Parish School, Delevan**  
**Catholic Central High School, Burlington**

We believe that financial limitations should not be a barrier in the ability of parents to provide a values-based Catholic education to their children.

The WPCP allows families to receive a voucher from the State of Wisconsin to enroll their children in a private or religious school tuition-free.

### **Eligible Students**

Students entering K4, K5, 1<sup>st</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to receive a voucher, along with students transferring from a public school who can enter at any grade. Home-schooled students can also enter the program at any grade.

### **Qualifying Requirements**

There are two qualifying requirements to be in the program: First, the applying student must be a resident of Wisconsin and live outside the City of Milwaukee and the Racine Unified School District. The second requirement is that the family's 2016 income (adjust gross income) cannot exceed certain limits based on the size of the household and whether the household is single- or two-parent. See below table for the 2017-18 income limits:

Family Size	Single Parent Maximum Family Income	Two Parent Maximum Family Income
2	\$29,637	N/A
3	\$37,296	\$44,296
4	\$44,955	\$51,955
5	\$52,614	\$59,614
6	\$60,273	\$67,273

\*Add \$7,696 for each additional family member above 6

The "once in, always in" provision of the WPCP allows the Choice student to keep his or her voucher through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, even if family income rises above the income limits in subsequent years.

## **How and When to Apply for the Program**

To take advantage of the School Choice program for the 2017-18 school year, parents/guardians will need to complete an online application at the Wisconsin Department of Public Education's website (<http://dpi.wi.gov/wpcp-statewide>). **The application period starts February 1 and ends April 20, 2017.**

## **Limited to 2% of Eligible School District Students**

The number of WPCP vouchers for the 2017-18 school year is limited to 2% of total students for each public school district. If the number of applicants exceeds a school district's 2% limit, the DPI will conduct a random drawing of eligible applicants. The 2% limit increases by an additional 1% in each of the next 8 years and then is totally lifted starting with the 2026-27 school year.

## **Will the Choice Program Compromise the Mission of Our Schools?**

The vast majority of our future WPCP students will be members from one of our local Catholic parishes. All school courses will continue to be taught incorporating Catholic values throughout the curriculum. Religion classes and Church services will count as part of our students' required instructional hours. We have carefully researched the program and believe the WPCP will be a blessing to many families who might not otherwise be able to afford a Catholic education. We will continue to monitor this important issue as involvement in the WPCP program develops.

## **Where to Find Additional Information**

Additional information on the WPCP can be found on each school's website and/by contacting the principal at each of the schools:

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