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Date: December 12, 2016  
To: Priests of the Diocese of Birmingham  
From: Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D. +RJB  
Subject: Funding is available for Catholic School Tuition Assistance

Currently, 18 of our 24 Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Birmingham are receiving Tuition Assistance from the State of Alabama, which for this school year totals \$3,722,000!

This amount and more will be available to fund Catholic education in the next school year if our Parishioners re-direct up to 50% of their State Income Taxes to the organization, *Scholarships for Kids*.

This does not involve making a donation; rather it involves directing half of your expected 2016 State Income Tax payment to *Scholarships for Kids*, and directing the other half to the State of Alabama.

This must be done before the end of this calendar year for the money to be used next year.

Please encourage your Parishioners to visit the web site: [scholarshipsforkids.org](http://scholarshipsforkids.org) to watch a brief instructional video on how to set up an account so that you can re-direct ½ of your State Income Tax payment to be used for Catholic Education.

Remember, you are not asking your people to make a donation, you are simply asking them to re-direct the dollars they would otherwise send to Montgomery to pay their State Income Tax over to the *Scholarship for Kids* fund so that many needy Alabama children will be able to receive a quality Catholic education.

Please note on your check the Catholic school you prefer to receive your tax dollars.

Thank you for your attention regarding this very important matter. May God bless you and your parishioners throughout the holy Seasons of Advent and Christmas!