



Dear Friends of the STO,

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If you donated to the STO in 2020, over **3,000 students have you to thank** because soon they will begin their learning, or return to their Catholic schools. **Thank you for having helped families** avoid the heartbreaking decision to leave the schools they love due to financial hardship.

The generosity of our STO donors is being returned through the **increased 75% Iowa Income tax credit**. On 5/20/21, the state increased the credit from 65 to 75%. This increase is retroactive to Jan. 1st, 2021, meaning all donations earn the more significant credit this calendar year. Here is a recent Op-Ed published in the Dubuque Telegraph Herald about this credit. https://www.telegraphherald.com/news/opinion/article_ccode2be1-02d5-5359-840d-ea11976c8cdb.html.

If you've already decided to donate to the STO, **please do so early to ensure tax credits are still available**. Your early contributions also help the STO make plans for our crucial end-of-year campaign push.

Should you have questions about the Our Faith STO, feel free to reach me at b.zeman@dbqarch.org. Thank you for your vital support of the Church, Catholic education, and the Our Faith STO.

Blessings to you all!

Brian Zeman
Deacon Brian Zeman

Why I teach in a Catholic School?



Carla Brosius
Seton Catholic
Elementary Peosta
4th Grade
31 Years Teaching

Why do I choose to teach in a Catholic school: I have gone to Catholic Schools my whole life so when the time came for me to get a teaching job it seemed like the right fit for me. I love being able to share my faith with my students throughout the day and watch them grow in theirs.

How has God affirmed that I've made the right choice: "This year we had a student that came in and wasn't up to date in his faith. He wanted to know what the beads were around the room. They were rosary beads. After being in our class for a few months he asked to make his first communion. He was able to do this at a school mass. Wow, such a great feeling to know that our class helped him want to grow his relationship with God!"

Family Bio: Husband Ron, works at First Community Trust, 5 Children: Brian 23, Catie 20, Logan 18, Leah (heaven), Bradley 13

Family Stories from those helped by the STO

The comments below were taken directly from 2021-22 STO applications

"This program truly is the main reason I can afford to send my children to this amazing school! We love this school and could never imagine going anywhere else. Thank you for all the help!!"

Parent of St. Patrick school student - Waukon

"Our 4-year-old son was diagnosed with autism a little over a year ago. He has appointments to see multiple specialists which our insurance does not cover. We struggle with medical bills significantly"

Parents of a 5th grade student

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