



### **IMPORTANT CTODP Scholarship News**

**Effective July 1, 2009, CTODP will allow school families to solicit tuition assistance using “student recommendations”—a method of tax-credit giving whereby the donor can recommend a particular student for an award.**

**Families must establish an account for each student registered in a Diocesan Catholic school. Families will also be able to get registration and contribution forms as well as more information about the program online at [www.catholiceducationfund.org](http://www.catholiceducationfund.org) when it is launched on July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**If you have applied for a CTODP needs based scholarship for the upcoming school year that application is being reviewed. You will know the amount of your scholarship for the upcoming school year prior to having to set up an account.**

**All families now using “student recommendations” through other School Tuition Organizations (STOs) are encouraged to instead set up an account through CTODP, which alone provided nearly \$14 million in funds to primarily lower-income Catholic school families this year. CTODP will continue to promote its traditional needs-based campaign throughout the diocese in order to maximize funds available for those students from low-income households.**