

PARTNERSHIP

We're Better Together



2023
ANNUAL
REPORT



Dear Friends,

Partnerships are often defined as two or more working together to accomplish a common goal. CISE has found great success by partnering with individuals and organizations who share their expertise to benefit our scholars. These partnerships are numerous and are united by a common goal - to make a difference in the lives of our scholars and to support the CISE mission of providing a quality, Catholic education for inner-city children in Cincinnati. As students' needs increase, these critical partnerships help to empower every child to become the best versions of themselves. This year, we dedicate our annual report to our partners: donors, teachers, school nurses, academic coaches, mental health specialists and countless others. Our work would not be possible without your support, thank you. We are better together!

The benefits of partnering are evident in the success of our CISE scholars. I hope that you enjoy reading about Amirou, Geraldina and Bitanya, three CISE scholars who have benefited from our partnerships. In their own way, they are using their education to prepare themselves to make a difference in the world.

Special thanks to Harry and Linda Fath, who recently pledged the largest gift in our over 40-year history. We are grateful for their unwavering commitment to and generous support of Catholic education in our community.

To all of our donors, I thank you for your continued support! Enjoy the 2023 CISE Annual Report.

Philip R. McHugh
President & Executive Director



A WINNING MISSION

Catholic Inner-city Schools Education

CISE works to rewrite futures of urban children by providing access to a faith-based Catholic education at inner-city elementary schools and Catholic high schools. Strong values are taught in a safe, nurturing and welcoming environment.

TRANSFORMING LIVES TOGETHER

CISE supports ten inner-city elementary schools in Cincinnati's most underserved neighborhoods and helps give students a safe environment where they can learn, grow, thrive and succeed. Our Catholic schools serve students of all beliefs and backgrounds with the single mission: to educate children out of poverty and into their best lives. It's a mission that changes courses, transforms lives, unlocks possibilities, and rewrites futures – one deserving and determined child at a time.



MEETING WHOLE-STUDENT NEEDS

CISE believes in providing a well-rounded education that addresses both the academic and non-academic needs of our scholars. By fostering strong partnerships, offering comprehensive support services and enriching extracurricular activities, CISE strives to create an environment where students will flourish and achieve their full potential.

Our goal is to ensure each student receives the support they need in every phase of their education, from enhancing the effectiveness of our Pre-K program to ensuring every 8th grade scholar seeking admission to a Catholic High School receives assistance in applying, taking the entrance exam, qualifying for financial aid and receiving needed academic support once enrolled.

CISE grade school scholars have access to on-site mental health services, behavioral health programs, summer programs and numerous athletic and academic enrichment opportunities. Dedicated school nurses are available to address questions and attend to the well-being of children in need of care.



VALUES FOR LIFE

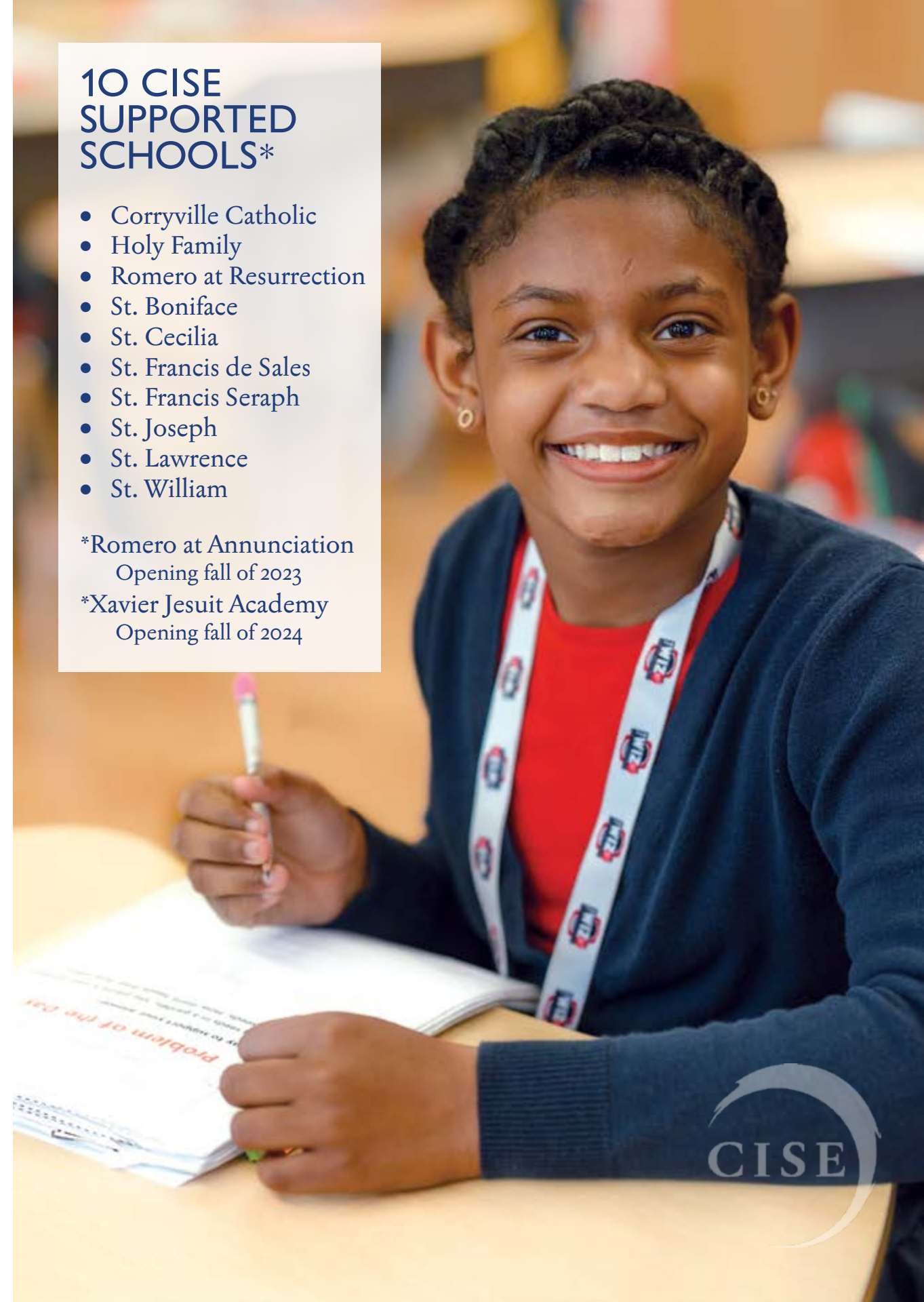
CISE schools focus on forming the whole student by teaching skills for success in learning and throughout their lives. Faith-based values, leadership, teamwork, self-control, discipline and resilience skills are taught and modeled daily.

10 CISE SUPPORTED SCHOOLS*

- Corryville Catholic
- Holy Family
- Romero at Resurrection
- St. Boniface
- St. Cecilia
- St. Francis de Sales
- St. Francis Seraph
- St. Joseph
- St. Lawrence
- St. William

*Romero at Annunciation
Opening fall of 2023

*Xavier Jesuit Academy
Opening fall of 2024



SUCCESSFUL TEACHERS = SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARS



Meet Ms. Vukelich

Kindergarten Teacher

“Teaching at a CISE school has very quickly become one of the most rewarding experiences in my life!”

Erin just completed her first year of teaching at Corryville Catholic. As a new teacher she brings a lot of passion and fresh ideas to her classroom. She enjoys teaching at a CISE school because she believes instilling essential strong values in her students will pave the way for their future success, personally and academically. Erin also believes the whole-child approach to teaching helps foster self-confidence and models empathy for students.



Meet Mrs. Walker

Science & Social Studies Teacher (6-8)

“In 22 years of teaching, CISE has meant the most to me because of the servant leadership and life-changing impact.”

Shelley has been a teacher for 22 years, the last five years at CISE schools. She currently teaches at Corryville Catholic. The CISE mission aligns closely with Shelley’s own beliefs, both dedicated to providing a quality education and implementing the development of morals, values and leadership skills, which foster a growth mindset in the students. She focuses on guiding students in setting long-term goals for high school, college and careers.

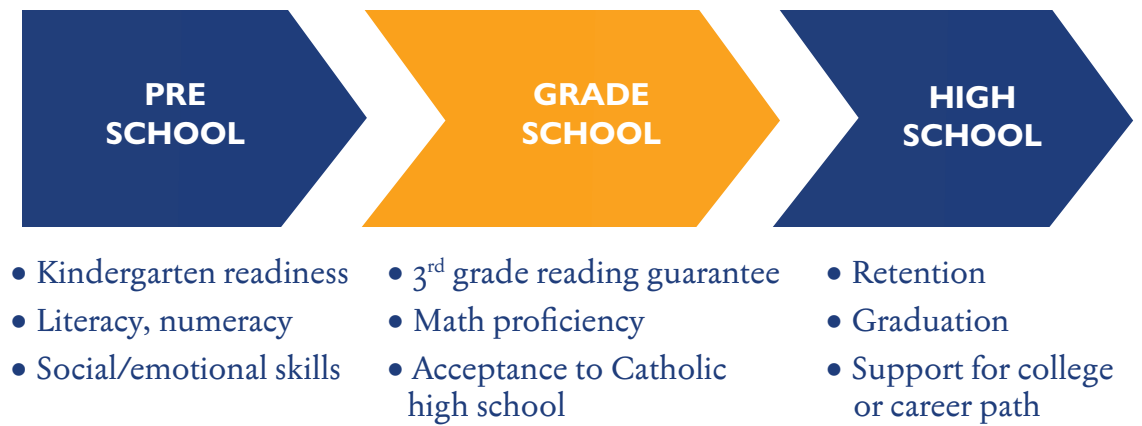
Teachers play a pivotal role in accomplishing the CISE mission of providing a high quality, faith-based Catholic education to inner-city students.

CISE recognizes the value of this partnership and actively supports the recruitment and retention of highly skilled teachers in our schools.

GROWING IMPACT

14 Quality Preschool Classrooms	2259 Preschool - 8 th Grade Scholars	10 Neighborhood Schools	6308 8 th Grade Graduates Since 1980
406 CISE Scholars in Catholic High Schools	14 Catholic High Schools	86% Graduation Rate Scholars Attending Catholic High Schools	
90% Facing Poverty	89% Minority	67% Non-Catholic	

WITH THE CONTINUUM OF LEARNING



MEET OUR SCHOLARS.

14 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERS 86% Graduation Rate

CISE scholars benefit from our strong partnership with 14 Cincinnati Catholic high schools.

This year, over 400 CISE scholars received a high-quality, faith-based education at our partner Catholic high schools. This partnership has proven highly effective with an 86% graduation rate for CISE scholars who attend Catholic high schools.

- Badin
- DePaul Cristo Rey
- Elder
- La Salle
- McNicholas
- Mercy McAuley
- Mount Notre Dame
- Moeller
- Purcell Marian
- Roger Bacon
- Seton
- Summit Country Day
- St. Xavier
- St. Ursula Academy



Amirou

Corryville Catholic | La Salle class of 2027

“CISE has made it much easier for my family and has changed my future.”

Amirou and his twin sister, Aminatou, have attended Corryville Catholic since second grade. This year, both siblings received CISE high school scholarships and will attend Catholic high schools in the fall. Amirou looks forward to studying computer science, game development and entrepreneurship at La Salle High School in the fall. He is so grateful for the opportunities provided through CISE and this scholarship. Amirou hopes to attend college where he plans to study computer science.

THEIR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS.



Geraldina

Holy Family | St. Ursula class of 2025

“I’m grateful for this opportunity; it’s really a life-changing experience.”

A CISE scholarship enabled Geraldina to attend Saint Ursula Academy where she is a Student Ambassador and very involved in musical theater and the arts. Geraldina values the opportunity to take higher level classes and appreciates the abundance of options for discovering her passions. With four brothers currently attending Holy Family, her educational journey is a shared experience. Geraldina plans to study animation in college and hopes to become someone the next generation of students can look up to.



Bitanya

Holy Family | Seton | UC class of 2026

“If you told me in 7th grade that I would receive a full ride to college I would never have believed it!”

Bitanya’s family immigrated to the US in 2007, seeking a better life. At Holy Family, she received tremendous support as the sole English-speaking person in her household. With the help of a CISE scholarship, Bitanya attended Seton where she excelled. While in high school she founded “The Grateful Foundation,” a nonprofit to raise funds for her village in Ethiopia. Bitanya now attends the University of Cincinnati on a full ride scholarship. She studies marketing and continues the work with her nonprofit organization.

DONOR FUNDED

Thanks to the support of donors, 70% of CISE scholars attend Catholic high schools. Currently, over 270 scholars receive CISE scholarships.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Belief in their potential has empowered our scholars to achieve their dreams and pursue their passions.

A TRANSFORMATIONAL GIFT



Late in 2022, Harry and Linda Fath pledged a transformational gift of \$50 million to the CISE Foundation, which is the CISE Foundation’s largest pledged gift to date.

Harry and Linda have been faithful partners in the CISE mission for 29 years. Harry was a long-standing member of the CISE Board of Trustees and now serves as an Emeritus Member. In addition, he played an instrumental role in creating the CISE Foundation, which now exceeds \$20 million. He was awarded a Faith in Education award, and he and Linda are members of the St. Benedict Legacy Society.

“CISE is a remarkable organization in our Cincinnati community. Linda and I are honored to make this gift to the CISE Foundation to provide a quality, Catholic education for the inner-city children of Cincinnati. My own Catholic education made me who I am today. It is our hope that this gift will transform the lives of many children for the better.” - Harry Fath

A NEW STUDY & A NEW PARTNER

Not all CISE scholars are destined for college, but may instead wish to seek alternative routes towards employment and financial independence. In response, CISE is undertaking a one-year feasibility study to explore and identify alternative pathways for our graduates.

Dr. Mari Thomas is partnering with CISE to lead this study. Mari has over 25 years of service in Catholic education, most recently as Principal at St. Ursula Academy. Mari has a passion for ensuring every child, no matter the learning style, has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential.

3 WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION

CISE

Provides tuition assistance and vital support services to CISE supported elementary schools.

CISE Foundation

Permanently restricted funds that provide an annual distribution to CISE.

CISE SGO

(Scholarship Granting Organization)

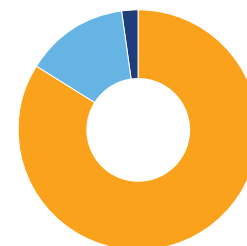
Provides scholarships to elementary and high school scholars.
May offer donor Ohio Income Tax credit.

Please contact Kelly Camm: KCamm@cisekids.org to learn more.



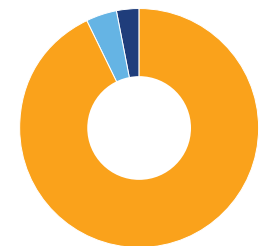
FINANCIALS

REVENUE



■ Campaign (unrestricted) 84%
■ Contributions (restricted) 14%
■ Interest 2%

EXPENSE



■ Scholarships and programs 93%
■ Administrative 4%
■ Fundraising 3%

Audited statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

PARTNERS IN REWRITING FUTURES

Beech Acres • Grey Matters • HCESC (Hamilton County Educational Service Center) • Leader in Me • Learning Grove • PSI: School Nurse • Archdiocese of Cincinnati • Assistance League • Big Brothers Big Sisters • Camp Joy • Catholic Charities of SW Ohio • Chess in School • Children's Theater of Cincinnati • Cincinnati Art Museum • Cincinnati Museum Center • Cincinnati Opera • Circle Tail • COCA (Council on Child Abuse) • Crayons to Computers • FC Cincinnati • Freestore Foodbank • Friars Club • Girl Scouts • Glad House • Healthy Visions • iSPACE • Luxotica • Mount St. Joseph University • My Why Cincinnati • Net Ministries • New Leaf • OptimALL • Queen City Book Bank • Squash Academy • Taft Art Museum • Urban Wilderness • Badin High School • DePaul Cristo Rey High School • Elder High School • La Salle High School • Mercy McAuley High School • McNicholas High School • Moeller High School • Mount Notre Dame High School • Purcell Marian High School • Roger Bacon High School • Seton High School • St. Ursula Academy • St. Xavier High School • Summit Country Day School • Ursuline Academy

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Champions of CISE We Lost This Year

We pay tribute to the cherished board members of CISE who passed away this past year. They were friends and mentors who inspired with their innovative ideas and unwavering belief in our mission. The profound impact and dedication of these individuals will continue to inspire and guide us.

Bob Hodge

32 years of service to CISE, including Board Chair 2001-2019

Joe Bride

22 years of service to CISE

Bob Greiwe

4 years of service to CISE

Miguel Chavez

3 years of service to CISE



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