



Catholic Coalition for Special Education Holds Evening Benefit at Embassy of Italy

Friday, March 18, 2016, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.



(Kensington, Maryland) – Say YES to the stars of Pope Francis’ visit to Washington and reserve your tickets now for the Catholic Coalition for Special Education’s (CCSE) annual Benefit held this year in the beauty of the Embassy of Italy.

Join the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano’ and the Archbishop of Baltimore William E. Lori as we celebrate the difference that the Catholic Coalition for Special Education makes in the lives of children with intellectual disabilities through its mission to assist Catholic schools in the Archdioceses of Baltimore and Washington in educating children with intellectual disabilities.

Live and silent auction. Cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, and dinner. \$225 for individual tickets.

Visit <http://ccse-maryland.org/springBenefit-2016.html> for tickets. Call 301-933-8844, x 102 for more information.

CCSE works to engage and encourage Catholic schools and archdioceses to educate children with disabilities in inclusive classrooms alongside their peers.

Many Catholic schools would like to serve all their families and educate all their children, but don’t think they have the resources or staff to educate students with developmental or intellectual disabilities. For the past eleven years, CCSE, unique in its mission in the United States, has been there to provide professional development, technical assistance, public awareness, family support and to help fill the funding gap at schools, granting **\$800,000 to 26 schools in seven Maryland counties**.

Through CCSE’s *Believe in Me! Program*, Catholic schools located in Washington, D.C. or Maryland may receive seed grants to expand or create sustainable programs enrolling two or more students with cognitive disabilities. Funding may be used to hire and train special educators, purchase equipment and materials, or provide appropriate accommodations and modifications to the curriculum.

Schools also are encouraged to apply for Technical Assistance Visits or Grants for help in raising disability awareness among staff, establishing a peer mentoring program, guidance in creating new policies on grading or standards, assistance in implementing appropriate modifications, and more.

CCSE also provides scholarships to Catholic school teachers to attend professional development and training classes.

The mission of the [Catholic Coalition for Special Education](#) is to ensure that children with special needs are able to attend and receive an appropriate education in their local Catholic elementary schools and high schools. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI “no child should be denied his or her right to an education in faith, which in turn nurtures the soul of a nation.” CCSE provides grants and technical assistance to help Catholic schools in Washington, D.C. and Maryland achieve this goal.

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