



Episcopal schools must be self-supporting because the diocese does not have a general revenue fund sufficient to operate a sizable school system. As a result, schools depend

upon student tuition to cover their expenses. The diocese remains committed to providing an education to young people, regardless of their ability to pay or religious affiliation. The Diocese continues to insist that informed, ethical, motivated young citizens are the key to the future of the Dominican Republic.

A scholarship program supported by individuals, organizations and churches in the United States has and will continue to provide the opportunity these students need to attend an Episcopal school. Your support will also help to improve the quality of educational programs that scholarship students receive. Historically, approximately 700 students have received financial assistance from sponsors in the USA each year.

A scholarship “costs” US\$350 a year.



Experience has taught us that parents must make an investment in their child’s education in order to ensure parental involvement. Parents pay a portion of the tuition and/or volunteer in the school as a result.

A Diocesan committee determines the number of scholarships that a school may receive. Then, school administrators, typically with teacher input, identify those students most likely to benefit to receive scholarships. Depending on available resources, a scholarship might be split to provide partial support to deserving youngsters. Scholarships are awarded based on a family’s ability to pay, student attendance records, and academic achievement from previous years.

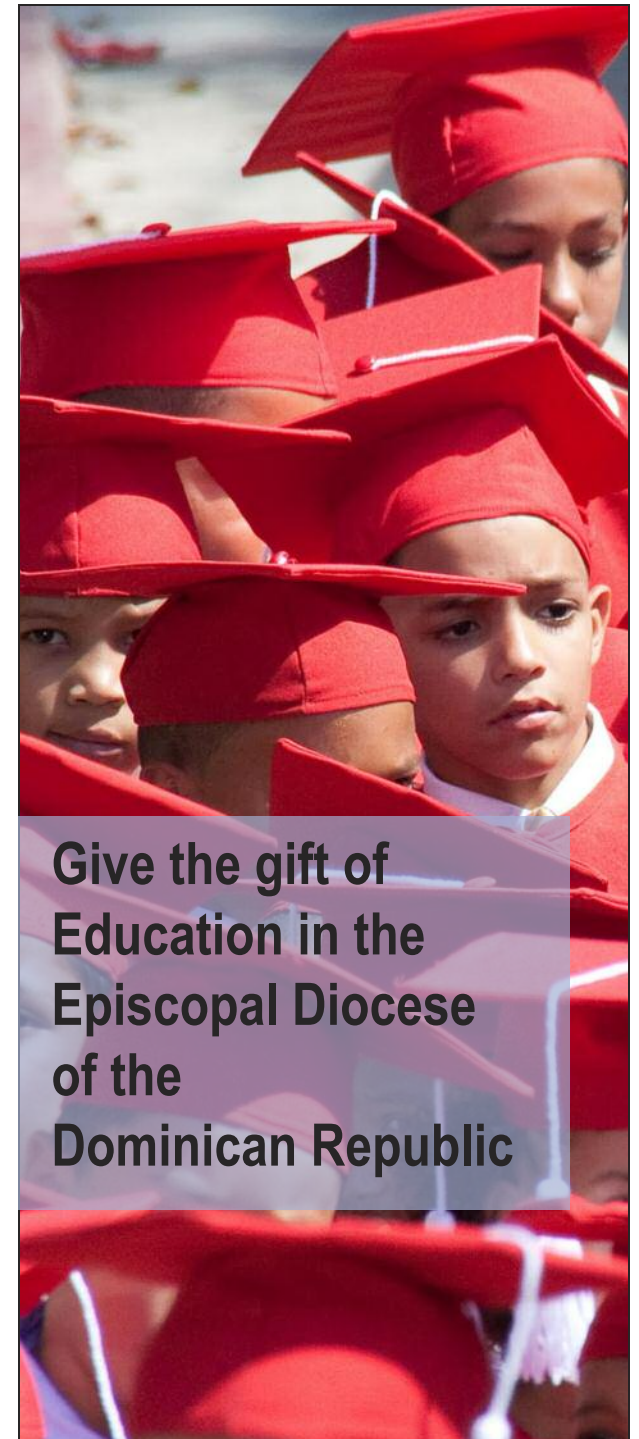
Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life.

— Proverbs: 4:13

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\$350 Educates a Child for 1 year

How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

— Proverbs: 16:16

Nurturing Minds and Spirits in the Dominican Episcopal Schools

A society rests on an educational foundation. Educating informed, ethical citizens might be THE essential ingredient to improving the quality of life for individuals and families. The great majority of Dominicans have achieved basic literacy. The Episcopal parochial schools (in Spanish, “colegios”) have contributed greatly to this success story. Still, the population needs to move beyond basic literacy skills for the economy to grow and the standard of living for all Dominicans to continue to improve. The Dominican Development Group (DDG) was formed to help the Dominican Episcopal Diocese become self-sustainable and supports the ministries through which the Diocese serves its congregations. This DDG scholarship program is just one example of that support.

School attendance is mandatory in the DR through the 8th grade. In recent

years, the government has invested relatively large amounts of money to build education facilities and encourage families to enroll their children in school, whether public “escuelas” or private “colegios.” While parents are willing, their pocketbooks can be weak. Economic hardship can prevent children from meeting the attendance standard; parents needing to “put food on the table” sometimes cannot afford the cost of enrollment fees, school uniforms and books.

Long before the government’s push for educational achievement, the Dominican Episcopal Church has made education and health ministries its priority; Bishop Moisés Quezada Mota has repeatedly emphasized educational improvement at Diocesan conventions and gatherings.

For over 100 years the Dominican Episcopal Church has been nourishing the minds and spirits of Dominican youth. The Diocese currently operates 26 schools (whether nursery schools, primary schools, pre-K to 8 or pre-K to 12) that serve approximately 6,400 students. Over the past 3 years,

major initiatives have been launched to improve facilities, update programs, meet new government standards and offer professional development activities to teachers.

The Episcopal schools in the DR have a well-deserved reputation for serving segments of the population most in need. A number of these schools rank among the finest schools in the nation. Many children’s lives have been transformed by an Episcopal education like the one provided by Colegio Episcopal Todos Los Santos in La Romana. For example, a lawyer, her chemistry professor brother and their oldest sibling, an Army Colonel, spent childhoods in a “house” without running



Students at an assembly in Colegio Episcopal San Andrés in Santo Domingo.

water or a paved floor. Their futures “took off” after graduation from an Episcopal high school, a school they would not have been able to attend without support from funding sources like the DDG Scholarship Program.