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Catholic Diocese of Gary Grateful for \$16M Investment in its Schools

MERRILLVILLE – The Catholic Diocese of Gary is thankful and excited for a \$16 million restricted gift that will impact its Catholic schools over the next decade.

“I can hardly imagine what this infusion of money will do for our schools,” said Rev. Michael J. Yadron, administrator of the Diocese of Gary. “But I’m excited to find out!”

Chicago-based nonprofit Big Shoulders Fund announced today that it is expanding its reach into Northwest Indiana thanks to a \$16 million restricted gift made by Bruce and Beth White of the White Foundation to the Big Shoulders Fund.

“I am elated that people of such means would be willing to help our schools in a time where help is so desperately needed,” Father Yadron said. “I commend them for their broad vision, which encompasses looking at strengthening long-term viability of schools and enhancing the training and continuing education of administrators, faculty and staff.”

Over the next decade, all 20 Catholic schools in the diocese will receive support through the Big Shoulders Fund. The program will launch during the 2019-2020 school year, with the multimillion dollar gift earmarked to support academic programs, scholarships and enrichment, leadership development and operational strategy and improvements.

“I think that this can be potentially transformational for generations to come,” said Joseph Majchrowicz, superintendent of Diocese of Gary schools. “If it opens doors or one child that previously didn’t have that opportunity, then it’s well worth the benefit. But we know it’s going to impact more than one.”

More details will be released at a kickoff event Tuesday at St. Casimir School in Hammond.