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Statement from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston regarding the SAFE Grants temporary restraining order

CHARLESTON—The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston released the following statement in response to a judge’s decision to temporarily block the use of SAFE Grants. On Monday, Gov. Henry McMaster announced the program that provides grants of up to \$6,500 to low- and middle-income South Carolina families for use at participating independent schools. The below statement can be attributed to Maria Aselage, spokesperson for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston.

“This temporary injunction hurts low- and middle-income parents who want to continue sending their children to the school of their choice. Every child deserves the opportunity to learn in the educational environment that best suits his or her needs, whether it is a public, private, or religious school. Gov. McMaster recognized that by announcing the SAFE Grants program.

“We stand with parents and their children and their right to the quality education that best suits their needs in the midst of a pandemic. We, again, thank Gov. McMaster and will pray for appropriate resolution in this important matter.”

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