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Omar Pro Montaña looked into sending his daughter to Catholic school years ago, but he couldn't afford the then \$5,200 tuition at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Tucson.

"If I was financially set, it would have been a no-brainer," Pro Montaña said. "I would have gone with a little less to make sure she went."

But at that time, Pro Montaña was in school so that he could take care of his family. He is a barber and his wife is a prep cook, and money has always been tight for the family of five. Pro Montaña wants better for his kids. Amirah and her little brother, Omar, earned good grades in the public school. He and his wife keep them busy and out of trouble through sports and activities.

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