

January 2, 2024

Dear Catholic School Families,

A happy and blessed 2024 to each of you! As we close out another year, we are full of hope in our Lord and Savior moving into 2024. January is a time when many of our Catholic school families begin planning for the next school year. Open houses, registrations, entrance exams, and paperwork are all part of the process. Of course, this process is well worth it, especially when considering the tremendous benefits of Catholic school education in helping parents to prepare their children to lead successful, rewarding lives and to bring into today's challenging world a living and active faith. Every day our children grow in faith and knowledge, learn to live out the values of the Gospel, and work together to build a strong community. What an exciting time to be part of Catholic education!

For this great educational enterprise to be successful, the active participation of parents in the life of the local parish community is essential. This participation in parish life takes many forms, including regular Sunday Mass attendance and financial support in the form of regular envelope contributions.

January is also a time when schools prepare for the coming school year, including setting tuition rates. Many schools offer discounted rates to Registered, Active, Participating members of diocesan parishes. Definitions of registered, active, participating memberships vary by parish; it is up to each individual pastor to decide the policy for his community. For your children to receive the Catholic rate or tuition discount for the 2024-2025 school year, the pastor of your home parish must certify that you are an active member. Please check directly with your pastor if you have any questions about your family's status.

Thank you for entrusting your children into the care of our Catholic schools. May God's peace and every blessing be yours in abundance throughout this New Year!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Superintendent of Schools