



SAINT MARGARET
PARISH

January 4, 2010

Re: Tuition Assistance – Academic Year 2010-2011

Dear School Parents,

Saint Margaret Parish is committed to making Catholic education at Saint Margaret School available, and to providing affordable tuition to our families who qualify for assistance.

The parish budgets at least \$100,000 each year for tuition assistance grants. Families **registered and active** in Saint Margaret Parish qualify for the parishioner tuition rate and are eligible to apply for tuition assistance. **The parish expects that families are part of this worshipping community by regularly attending Mass at Saint Margaret or Saint Mary Magdalen, and by providing regular support at an appropriate level using offertory envelopes or electronic funds transfer.**

The parish is not able to offer tuition assistance to families who are not parishioners or who are also registered in another parish. We ask that these families contact their home parish for assistance that may be available.

The parish Tuition Assistance Committee evaluates applications on a case-by-case basis in strict confidentiality. Assistance is awarded based on demonstrated need, taking into consideration the family's support of the parish, payment of school financial obligations, and of course, available parish funds for the 2010 – 2011 academic year.

We use School and Student Services for Financial Aid (SSS) to process the Parents' Financial Statement. Attached are a calendar of key dates and a copy of Tuition Assistance Policies for your reference. Please note the following deadlines:

- Submit the Parents' Financial Statement to SSS no later than **Monday, February 22nd**.
- Provide **all** documentation to the Parish Office Business Manager no later than **Monday, March 22nd**.

For the sake of fairness to all and good order in the process, families not meeting these deadlines will not be considered for assistance.

We thank you for your support of Catholic education and request that you work with us as partners. For additional information or assistance in completing a Tuition Assistance application, please contact Mary Ellen Bates, Business Manager, at 410-838-6969 x 115 or Tony Mignini, Tuition Assistance Committee Chairperson, at 410-803-8860.

May God bless you and your families!

Msgr. G. Michael Schlepner
Pastor

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