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CATHOLIC PARISH PARTICIPATION FORM (K-8)

All *Catholic* families requesting a parish tuition subsidy for the 2011/2012 school year are required to complete this form.

According to Diocesan policy, parishes within the Cape Fear Deanery provide a subsidy to St. Mary School in an effort to support families who wish a K-8 Catholic education for their children. This subsidy reduces the cost of tuition for Catholic families who are **registered, active members of a Catholic parish and are verifiable contributors of a reasonable and appropriate amount of time, talent and treasure to their parish.****

Families registered at St. Mary Parish should complete the form and return it with their registration paperwork to the school office for review/approval by the St. Mary Pastor. Families registered at other parishes of the Cape Fear Deanery are responsible for presenting the completed form to their pastor to sign. They should then turn in the signed form to the school office.

Family Name: _____ **First Name(s)** _____
Address: _____ **City/Zip:** _____
Home Phone: _____ **Other Phone:** _____
Email: _____ **Email:** _____

Student Name(s) & Grade(s)

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Parish where registered: _____

Do you regularly use collection envelopes? Yes ___ No ___ Envelope Number _____

If not using envelopes, how can we verify your financial support of the parish?

In which Parish ministries are members of your immediate family involved?

Please list family names and ministries or activities:

****See reverse side of form**

****The definition of “a registered, active, participating parishioner”** is one who has been registered for at least the last 6 months*, contributes to their parish offertory in a regular, reasonable and identifiable way, attends Mass at their parish regularly, and shares their time and talent with the parish.

Although no specific amount of regular offertory participation is being stated, the following information may be helpful in your discernment.

All Catholic churches of the Cape Fear Deanery have agreed to send \$500 per year/student (approximately \$10 per week) to offset tuition costs for each of their students attending St Mary Catholic School provided the family is actively participating in their parish. Thus, a family with a child in school that contributes under or exactly \$500 to their parish, is not actually making a financial contribution to the parish. As an additional consideration, the actual tuition discount extended to registered St. Mary parish families receiving the subsidy is over \$1300; more than \$25 per week.

Identifiable and regular offertory support also requires using envelopes, checks, EFT (Electronic Funds Transfers), or any other means that permits posting donations by family name into the parish’s data base system used to issue end of year statements. This data base is queried by the Pastor or authorized Business Manager to verify participation prior to signing the annual status verification form. This form is a key part of the student registration process and used to set student specific tuition rates.

I/we have read the above information and understand that approval of this application for reduced tuition is contingent on our continued status as “**registered, active and contributing parishioners**” and will be reviewed annually.

Signature(s) Responsible Party(s):

Date

Pastor Recommendation: (To be completed by Pastor)

The above named family is practicing their faith through regular Mass attendance, stewardship of time and talent, and identifiable financial support of our parish.

Pastor’s Signature

Date

*Exception may be made for families relocating to the area within the 6 month window.