



St. Mary Catholic School

CATHOLIC PARISH PARTICIPATION FORM (K-8)

All Catholic families requesting a parish tuition subsidy are required to complete this form. According to Diocesan policy, parishes within the Cape Fear Deanery provide a subsidy to St. Mary Catholic School in efforts 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, participating parishioner”** and are verifiable contributors of a reasonable and appropriate amount of time, talent and treasure to their parish. **“Registered, active, participating parishioner”** is one who has been registered for at least the last 6 months (an exception may be made for relocating families), 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 a registered, active, participating parishioner 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.

Families registered at St. Mary Parish should **complete this form** and return it with their registration paperwork to the school office. 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.

Last Name First Name(s)

Address

Primary Phone Email

Student(s) Name and Grade

Parish Name:

Do you regularly use collection envelopes? ☐ Yes ☐ No Envelope Number

In which parish ministries are members of your immediate family involved? Please list family member name and ministries/activities

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 participating parishioner” and will be reviewed annually.

Signature(s) Responsible Party(s):

Pastor Recommendation

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