

GRANTS FOR ST. MARY BASILICA STUDENTS AT CATHEDRAL SCHOOL (Effective date: February 1, 2012)

All Catholics have an obligation from the Scriptures and Church teachings to financially contribute to the support of their Church. These contributions help meet the operational costs of the parish - parish programs, staff, utilities, and support for Catholic education. The contribution patterns, Mass attendance and participation in parish activities in St. Mary Basilica parish have been studied by the pastoral council, the finance council, the pastor and staff. The findings have resulted in updated guidelines.

There is no longer a difference between full tuition rate and subsidized tuition rate. St. Mary Basilica parish, however, will provide a grant to the students of St. Mary parishioners who are eligible. The grant is available to families who are registered members of St. Mary parish for at least one year, who attend Mass each weekend, who contribute financially on a regular, identifiable and meaningful way to the parish, and who participate in the life and activities of the parish. The new tuition policy is as follows:

1. Financial contributions from all St. Mary parishioners are necessary to meet the operational costs of the parish and to provide tuition grants at Cathedral School.
2. The **maximum grant amount** for which each family may be eligible is based on their invoiced tuition amount and is formulated to give special consideration to St. Mary families with more than one child in Cathedral School. It is calculated as follows:
 - A. For one child, the maximum grant is 12% of the invoiced tuition amount
 - B. For two children, the maximum grant is 14% of the invoiced tuition amount
 - C. For three children, the maximum amount is 15% of the invoiced tuition amount
 - D. For four children, the maximum grant is 16% of the invoiced tuition amount
3. The **actual amount of the grant** will be based on the amount contributed by the family to the parish. Catholic families who contribute 50% or more of the total grant to which they are entitled, will receive the full grant amount.
4. Catholic families who contribute less than 50% of the maximum grant to which they are entitled will receive a grant of \$2 for every \$1 donated to the parish.
5. Where teacher discounts are applicable, this discount is deducted first and the percentage process as shown in # 2 above is applied to the invoiced tuition amount.
6. Grants will be based on the contribution amounts made to the parish during the calendar year before the tuition billing date for the upcoming school year. (Grants for the school year 2012-2013 will be based on the contributions made to St. Mary Basilica during the calendar year 2011. Grants for the school year 2013-2014 will be based on the contributions made during the calendar year 2012).

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7. Eligibility for grants will require:
 - A. Being a registered member of St. Mary parish for at least one year
 - B. Regular weekend Mass attendance by parent(s) and children
 - C. Financial contributions to the parish that are regular, meaningful and identifiable
 - D. Participation in the life and programs of the parish by parent(s) and children
 - parent(s) to be participants in one of the parish programs (a parish committee or commission, pastoral council, Why Catholic?, etc.) and in one liturgical role.
 - children/adolescents to participate in (Liturgy of Word for Children, KCYO, JCYO or CYO) and in Liturgical roles (Mass server, lector, usher, greeter, gift bearer, etc.)

8. Grants apply to children in K-6, Grades 7-12, but not to Pre-Kindergarten children.

The revised policy is intended to encourage active participation in the parish by all families and individuals. Parents are the 'primary teachers of their children in the ways of faith.' St. Mary parish has undertaken the construction/renovation of the new Family Life Center (to be dedicated in September 2012) as an additional way of assisting families and individuals of every age in the faith journey. Parents or families who experience difficulty in fulfilling the financial contribution criterion will be invited to meet with members of the parish pastoral or finance council.

Cathedral Tuition Scale Per Child for 2012-2013

	Pre-Kindergarten 3 & 4 year old (Full Day)
First Child	\$4,100
Second Child	\$3,150
	Tuition Grades Kindergarten - 6
First Child	\$5,000
Second Child	\$3,750
Third Child	\$3,180
Fourth Child	\$3,080
	Grades 7 - 12
First Child	\$5,355
Second Child	\$4,105
Third Child	\$3,535
Fourth Child	\$3,435

For each senior, add \$100 for graduation fees.