



## THE PARISH OF SAINT JOHN BOSCO

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Dear Parishioners,

The special function of the Catholic School is to create a positive atmosphere animated by a spirit of liberty and charity based on the Gospel. The realities of Catholic Education in today's world are that the spiritual mission and financial responsibility are inevitably intertwined.

I am committed to a solid Catholic education for all our parishioners; I also have a responsibility to manage carefully the resources available to me as pastor. Over the past few years, I have tried to balance a fair tuition rate for services provided and our desire to help our families who may need genuine assistance.

The cost to educate a pupil in our school is over \$5000. Last year's family contribution was \$2300 for the oldest/only child. We allow a reduction in the rate for families with more than one child. Through our Sunday collections, the parish subsidizes our school by 52%. The recommended parish subsidy in the Archdiocese is around 35%.

As you can see, our parishioners are very generous to our school because of their commitment to good Catholic education. For this reason, I am encouraging our parents to strengthen their contribution to the Church through the Sunday collection, participation in the Gift Certificate Program and to the Saint John Bosco Education Fund.

We understand times are hard for our parents and the uncertainty of our national financial situation certainly does not help to allay these fears. Parents who are committed to Catholic Education need our courage and support; however, all our parishioners face these same challenges, which are growing by the day. In order to meet these difficulties we need to determine a tuition rate that will help bridge the budget gap that now exists primarily because our class sizes are small. ***After all, we do offer academy level classes for parochial prices!*** The Financial Council has determined that the tuition rate be adjusted for the coming year. These rates appear on the reverse side of this letter.

There is funding available through the Alumni Appeal and St. John Bosco Education Fund. There are limited Archdiocesan Grants available. We encourage you to apply for all of them. "No" is not a bad answer, but "YES" is a great help for all of us.

I encourage all parishioners to collaborate with the faculty and staff in promoting the religious, social and academic growth for each child in our school. I also hope that through this life experience, our students will encounter Christ through their talents and hard work. Given these gifts, I believe they will be better prepared to meet the challenges of our world.

With every blessing,

Reverend Martin T. Cioppi, Ed. D.  
Pastor