



## Sacred Heart Catholic School

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January 15, 2010

To The Parents of Sacred Heart School:

Your Board of Education formulated and passed a policy that will designate all In-Parish School families into the categories of **Active** and **Inactive**. The policy reads:

**A method shall be established to differentiate between active and inactive Sacred Heart parishioners with children in Sacred Heart School. Only active Sacred Heart parishioners shall receive a portion of the parish school subsidy in the form of a reduction in tuition. The established guideline shall be applied equitably.**

This policy, based upon the tenets of Sacred Heart School's philosophy, aims at the heart of Christian witness. Every parent is a teacher, and each home is a classroom in which children are shown what to value and how to live. We believe that every one of us bears this sacred responsibility to our children, to our school, and to our parish community. Our children are shown these Christian values by our words and actions. Who we say we are, what we say we are about, and how we act, teach our children. This policy reinforces the necessity of being active through the elements of "volunteerism" and "faithfulness" to attend Mass regularly.

The guidelines to define "Active", the policy accountability, and the results of the policy are all simple.

- In-Parish families are considered **Active** through weekly attendance at Sunday Mass and by volunteering within the school community, or the parish community at large.
- Each In-Parish family will be requested to assist in a minimum of five (5) activities. Volunteer cards are to be filled in yearly and submitted to the School Office when volunteer work is done. Each family will also be requested to fill in this letter and submit it to the School Office. These elements of accountability for volunteerism and faithfulness to attend Mass regularly will be used at registration to establish tuition for the next year.
- **Active** families will be granted the parish subsidy in the form of reduced tuition. **Inactive** families will not be granted this subsidy (Out-of-parish values). The designated status of all In-Parish families will be communicated in writing after registration.

**Please fill in the appropriate box below, sign, and return this letter with your registration forms.**

- We attend Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart on a weekly basis.  
 We do not attend Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart on a weekly basis.

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Print Name of Responsible Party

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Signature of Responsible Party

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Date

Yours in Christ  
Sacred Heart Board of Education

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