



Quincy Catholic
Elementary Schools

*Shaping their future
to be the best they can be*

February 26, 2016

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Besides the gift of life, the greatest gift parents or guardians can give their children is the gift of faith. We are very glad that you have chosen to send your children to a Catholic elementary school. It reflects both your commitment to raise your children in the Catholic faith, as well as your willingness to make the sacrifices associated with the financial obligations related to enrolling your children in a parochial school. Thank you for investing in your child(ren)'s future.

At its recent meeting, the Quincy Catholic Schools Leadership Team discussed at great length the issue of tuition and fees for the 2016-2017 school year. After not increasing tuition and fees for the past three years, although expenses for operating our four Catholic elementary schools continued to increase, the Leadership Team realized absorbing these increases for a fourth year was not possible, without jeopardizing the quality of education for our students. And jeopardizing the quality of education for our Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools' students is not an acceptable option. **The tuition increase for the 2016-2017 school year is outlined on the enclosed "QCES Tuition & Fees Fact Sheet for 2016-2017."**

The Instructional Fee for the 2016-2017 school year will remain at \$190 per child, if it is paid in full by **Thursday, March 31, 2016**. After March 31, 2016, the Instructional Fee will increase to \$290 per child. The \$50 per student Technology Fee will also remain the same, if paid by **Thursday, March 31, 2016**. After March 31, 2016, the Technology Fee will increase to \$100 per student.

Please be aware that it is the desire of all four pastors to have every Catholic child in Quincy enrolled in one of our four Catholic elementary schools. It is also our desire, along with that of each school principal, to work with every family to the greatest extent possible to make a Catholic education an affordable investment in their children's future.

The QCES Foundation will once again assume responsibility for awarding tuition assistance to QCES families with demonstrated financial need, as determined by the Private School Aid Service (PSAS). QCES families seeking tuition assistance are encouraged to complete and mail their PSAS Application Form, along with the necessary supporting documentation, by **Thursday, March 31, 2016**, in order to receive full consideration from the Tuition-Assistance Review Committee of the QCES Foundation. Families who will also have children attending QND in the fall may use one PSAS form. The PSAS Application deadline for QND is also **Thursday, March 31, 2016**. **QCES is offering assistance in completing the PSAS Application Form for the 2016-2017 school year. If you would like assistance in completing the application form, please contact the principal of your school, and she will be happy to put you in touch with a "Tuition Mentor." You will be assigned a "Tuition Mentor" from a parish/school other than your own, who has volunteered and been trained to help families wanting assistance in completing the PSAS Application Form. Strict confidentiality will be maintained.**

If, after reading this letter, you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to contact either your parish priest or your school principal, both of whom are partners with parents and guardians in providing a Catholic education to every family that wishes to enroll their children. Thank you for choosing a Catholic elementary school education for your children.

May God bless you and your family,

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