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Dear Parish Parents and Guardians of Children in OCS,
Greetings,

Living and sharing the Catholic Christian faith in the home is the foundation of our evangelization, our handing on of the Gospel faith to our own children. Catholic parishes and our schools depend upon this ongoing home schooling. Without it, the benefit of all our other efforts is drastically diminished. Because of the value which a Catholic school education can be to the sharing of faith and culture in our families and parishes, the church both sponsors schools and contributes funding so that parents can possibly afford to enroll their children. The structure of tuition and tuition assistance at OCS is an attempt to recognize the real cost involved and to support those families which do not have the means to meet it. Thus need based availability of tuition assistance is extended to parishioners of OCS participating parishes.

The requirement for reception of the benefit of the parishioner tuition rate and the consideration of tuition assistance, as you know, involves parish registration along with active and faithful participation in parish life. Qualification for parishioner status tuition requires *parish registration; regularity of Sunday & Holy Day Mass celebration; and participation in stewardship by the family in the work of the parish church. Furthermore, participation here in Sunday and Holy Day Mass is tracked by way of the submission on those days of the parishioner envelope. While the parish family is required to make some financial contribution to the parish monthly (no amount specified, this depends upon the free will of the family) the envelope, even if empty, must be placed in the collection at Mass for at least 80% of the annual number of Sundays and Holy Days. Stewardship also requires assisting in parish functions and in parish fund raising on behalf of our commitments to OCS.* See the voucher pledge form for more details.

All families seeking this parish benefit must maintain their qualification for it on a semester basis. This is a minimum standard based on the fact of parishioner participation, not the quality of one's faith. On the Pledge Form provided, please acknowledge your promise to celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Day & Holy Days at St. Pius X and how or in what other key way(s) you promise to participate in the worship and life of the parish church. Please also indicate how you intend to contribute financially to the support of our parish church. The Pledge Form is to be answered and returned to the parish office as soon as possible. A parish voucher will be issued and sent back to you on the basis of your promise. Continuance of parish sponsorship is contingent upon your fidelity to your pledge of parishioner participation each semester and may be revoked if the minimum requirements are not met. I am confident that you can appreciate the importance of this commitment.

Sincerely,

Rev. Richard C. Meredith, Pastor

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St. Pius X Pastoral Council