



Michael the Archangel Parish

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I want to extend my personal thanks to you for choosing Catholic education for your child/children. I frequently hear, from families whose children have been through the Catholic schools, that it is impossible to put a dollar value on the benefits gained from such a family and faith-centered education, but that it is well worth the extra expense. We keep striving to provide the personal and spiritual enrichment that the alumni of Catholic schools find so valuable in adult life.

With costs continuing to rise each year, we again find it necessary to increase tuition by 5% for the coming year. We will continue to make available tuition assistance to the extent that we are able. Our per pupil cost this past year was \$4520. Your tuition payments cover 53% of this cost. The remainder is covered by fundraising activity and by money from St. Michael Parish's weekly offertory collection. By the way, in order to help meet school expenses we have also asked parishioners to increase their contributions by 5%. Working together we trust that we can continue to fund this important ministry at St. Mikes.

As I mentioned above, your tuition payments cover only a portion of the actual annual per pupil cost of \$4520 at St. Mikes. As a parish we struggle to make up the difference, but we do so because we want to make this wonderful "product" available to as many families as possible. Perhaps there is a way you can help.

If you have been financially blessed in these challenging years would you consider paying the full per pupil cost (\$4,520) for your student(s) at St. Mike's. If that is not possible, would you consider paying the full tuition rate (\$2,520) for each of your children? Such a generous gesture would help to ease the financial stress on the system at this time. If you are willing to help in this way, please call me at the parish office (330-492-3119) or Mrs. Sally Roden in the school office.*

I believe that you, with me, are convinced that quality Catholic education is of the utmost importance for the well-being of our Church and of our country. Making it happen is a costly undertaking, but we can make it happen if we work together.

Sincerely,

Reverend Donald E. King
Pastor

*Please note: Any amount paid above the parishioner rate for tuition is tax deductible.