



The Church of St. Peter

2600 Maine Street
Quincy, Illinois 62301

January 31, 2020

Dear Parishioner or Parent of a Student at St. Peter School,

As many of you should know, there is a consortium of Catholic Schools here in Quincy called the QCES, or the Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools. This consortium is an attempt to help our schools work together, without worrying about competing against each other for students. It is a cooperative effort that has enabled our Catholic schools of Quincy to think broader than individual parishes/schools so that together we can be viable and growing without trying to put each other out of business. This consortium is essential for all of our Catholic schools for with each other we are stronger in our community; without each other, we become individual schools who are viable only because of differing financial resources. This latter thinking goes against the very fiber of who we are as Church.

This year we were asked by members of this consortium to increase tuition rates in order to assist them in their efforts to be viable in our community. Some members whose stewardship has done well, do not necessarily need this increase so we in all honesty were reluctant to raise tuition. But in order to maintain this cooperative effort we were able to accept a minimal increase. So I am presenting you with an increase in tuition for the 2020-2021 school year. The increase is \$100 for the first student, and a \$100 increase for the second student. Thus our tuition will be as follows:

***Participating Parishioner Rates:** One student, \$2850

Two or more students \$4225

Fees remain the same: Instructional Fee per child: \$190

Technology Fee per child: \$50

Non-Participating Rate, or Non-Parishioner Rate: One Student, \$3825

Two or More Students: \$6,550

Fees remain the same as above

*A participating member is defined as one who is baptized in the Catholic faith, has filled out their stewardship commitment card which was due January 15, 2020, and tries to attend Mass on a regular basis with their children.

As I have done in the past with tuition increases, I have tried to assist our parents because our parish family including our parents have embraced stewardship as a way of life. So class trips, electives, and the Washington D.C. trip will continue to be paid by the parish which will alleviate expenses for our parents. With this new tuition increase we are hoping to provide more teacher's aides for some of our classes. And so I wanted to present this increase to you and reassure you that we are doing our best to provide quality Catholic education for the children entrusted to us. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,



Msgr. Leo J. Enlow