



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Department of Education

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Catholic schools are a great blessing to the Diocese of Metuchen because they provide the good ground for nurturing the seeds of faith and knowledge in the hearts and minds of all our students, who are the future of our church. Thank you for choosing to give your child(ren) the gift of a Catholic school education, a gift that I know is given at great sacrifice for many families.

For the 2017-2018 school year, we are blessed to make our tuition scholarship program available to families who are in need of financial aid. Scholarships are made possible through *The Foundation for Catholic Education (FCE)*, an endowment fund that provides financial support to aid low and moderate income families who send their children to our elementary and high schools.

To be eligible, your child(ren) must be Catholic, be entering grades K-12 in September 2017, attend 1 of our 23 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Bishop Ahr or Immaculata High School. New students attending the two private high schools in our Diocese (St. Joseph High School and Mount Saint Mary Academy) will need to seek assistance directly from those schools. Eligible students must be registered in one of the parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen (please see the list of eligible parishes on the back of the Required Pastor Signature Form).

Because this process was recently changed and may be unfamiliar to our families and schools, and because some families may not have easy access to the technology needed to complete the online application, we will once again offer FACTS Online Application Workshops. Staff and FACTS representatives will be on-hand to walk families through the application process. All Workshops will have Spanish-speaking staff on-hand to assist families.

Application instructions, deadlines, and a list of application workshop dates and locations are attached. Please note, as in the past, **every application requires the signature of the Pastor of the parish in which you are registered.** No application will be reviewed without the **Required Pastor Signature Form, which must be signed by your Pastor and returned to the school/s your child/ren will attend in September.** If you have questions, please call our Tuition Assistance Hotline at 732.562.1990, ext. 1610.

Thank you for the blessing you are to our children and our church and for your continued commitment to Catholic school education.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Corona, PA, KCHS
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