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A Collaboration of Parishes, Schools, Parents and Community Partners

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DLA Families,

Thank you for your support of the DLA and for trusting us with your children's education. This is an awesome responsibility that we take very seriously. Our mission focuses on providing sustainable Catholic education for generations to come. This means that in addition to offering an excellent Catholic education, we need to be financially sound.

Evidence of this is our low cost of education of \$4,528 per student. This means that a meaningful portion of the cost for each student is funded by parish support, scholarship providers and donors. With this in mind, our board reviewed our tuition structure and has approved tuition rates for the 2021-2022 school year. These rates are based on a detailed analysis of Catholic school tuition across Omaha with a particular focus on schools east of Interstate 680. We continue to find that our multi-child discounts are more generous than nearly all other Catholic schools. In speaking with these schools they highlighted that the cost of educating a student is independent from whether they have siblings in the school or not. This has resulted in several schools not offering any sibling discount.

We are certainly going to continue offering sibling discounts, but this discount will be less as is outlined in the accompanying DLA Tuition Rate Table. This table includes a nominal \$75 increase for first children with larger increases for families with multiple children in our schools. **Let us be clear, we will NOT turn any family away if these increases push tuition past their financial limitations.** In these situations, we encourage families to be sure to apply for assistance from the Children's Scholarship Fund. We will continue to use the Children's Scholarship Fund guidelines to determine if any additional aid can be granted from the Omaha Catholic School Consortium. Additionally, we are adjusting our aid process to require all families who want any type of aid to apply through the Children's Scholarship Fund. This will avoid any FACTS fees for aid application and will make it easier for our families seeking assistance. **This is an important change, all families wanting any type of aid regardless of income, must apply for this aid through the Children's Scholarship Fund aid application process. No aid can be granted without this application being completed.**

A detailed study of preschool rates and daycare costs was completed to ensure that our preschool and preK rates are in alignment with other schools. This research illustrated that our rates are comparable. Consequently, preschool and preK tuition rates will have only small increases to cover rising costs.

We are proud to partner with you in the education of your child(ren). We know you have many schools to choose from and we are honored that you have chosen us to partner with you in service to our God.

Blessings,

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