



May 6, 2020

Dear St. Francis of Assisi Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your continued support of our beloved St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School. As previously promised, it is time to share the tuition rates for next year. When we began the budgeting process in January, we were working under the assumption that faculty would receive a 3% cost of living raise and that benefit rates would be increased. Our initial proposal for the tuition rate included a 3% increase to cover the cost of living.

When the pandemic hit, and distance learning began, we observed the impact of stay at home orders on the economy both locally and nationally. In response to this change, the Diocese of Orange notified all school staff that salary scales would be frozen for the 2020-2021 school year. However, benefit costs will still be increasing. I have prayerfully discerned and worked closely with our school accountant and Finance Committee to fine tune our budget and minimize the financial impact to our families. I am proud to say that we have significantly reduced the tuition increase to just \$100 for the upcoming school year, raising our annual tuition rate to \$7,310 for Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. For those families affected financially by this economic climate, I have reopened tuition assistance applications through Monday, May 11 at 5 pm. For those families that have already applied for financial aid, notifications will be sent out this Friday, May 8.

While we do not know what school will look like in the Fall, we are already working on ways we can bring students back on campus, provide distance learning for families with health concerns, and reimagine campus life. We have faith that in the near future there will be a vaccine, and that we will be able to come back together on campus as one school family. As always, St. Francis of Assisi School remains committed to providing a whole-child, faith-based education, focused on each student's physical, emotional, academic, and spiritual growth.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at jlambert@sfayl.org.

Sincerely,

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Principal