



Dear St. Pius X School Parents,

As the pre-registration process begins for 2010-2011 school year, I wish to thank you for entrusting St. Pius X School to play an important role in the academic, spiritual and physical development of your children. With an average of more than 10 years of experience, our teachers and staff at St. Pius X School are well prepared to meet the challenges of preparing your children to become responsible leaders of tomorrow. In addition, we'll continue to evolve our state-of-the-art technology program as we work to install SMART boards in more classrooms next year.

As we reflect on the value of our curriculum at St. Pius X School it is necessary to ensure that our fiscal planning aligns with our ongoing commitment to provide educational excellence and continued growth while remaining an attractive value as compared to other diocesan, private or public options. In order to meet this goal, in-parish tuition and registration fees for the 2010-11 academic year have been adjusted as follows:

- **1 child \$2,280 (\$140 increase)**
- **2 children \$4,150 (\$320 increase)**
- **3 children \$5,660 (\$540 increase)**

Registration fees will be \$100/student (\$15 increase). Technology fees will remain \$100/student.

The total cost to educate one St. Pius X student in 2010-11 academic year will be \$4,419 of which 53% is covered from tuition/fees and 47% is from the parish contribution.

As you may recall, last year tuition was marginally increased (\$15/child) as we recognized the impact the economy had on everyone. Our tuition increase this year was given thoughtful consideration ensuring that each budget line item was deemed critical and necessary for a quality faith-based education.

As we look to the future, a critical component in the financial equation is a thriving student enrollment. Over the past two years our new Pre-School program has helped to increase Kindergarten enrollment. Additionally, our marketing committee has worked hard to increase awareness of St. Pius X School through new brochures, Shred-it fundraiser, new logo development and even billboard ads (see our latest at the intersection of Douglas and Beaver Avenue). Yet, with all these efforts you continue to be our most critical avenue for growth. Please make an effort to spread the word about our wonderful school and community during registration time and all year long with your neighbors, family and friends.

We know that your decision to provide a faith-based educational experience for your children involves many considerations. We have made every effort to balance the financial needs of the school with the needs of your family's individual budget. As always, we appreciate your ideas and feedback on how we can continue to improve our program at St. Pius X School. In the near future you will have an opportunity to complete a survey to help us better understand what's working well and where we can improve. Meanwhile, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the board or myself for further discussion.

Sincerely,

Msgr. Joe McDonnell &
St. Pius X School Board of Education