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Religious Education Families:

Each year we strive to provide a high quality experience of faith formation for our young people. I believe we are quite successful in our efforts to hand on our faith to the next generation largely, in part, because of the generosity of the catechists and aides who give so much of themselves in our programs.

Our goal has been to keep our tuition at a level which is affordable to our families as well as supportive of our efforts. As we prepare the parish budget for the coming year, we reviewed our current structure of tuition as well as looking comparatively at the rates from our neighboring parishes. After completing this review, we raised the rate of tuition to account for added costs. It is important to note that the rate of a single child in the program has not increased since 2014. Our review determined that the majority of programs see an annual increase in tuition ranging from \$5 to \$20. Our rate of tuition will increase by \$30, taking into account that there hasn't been an increase in the past three years (this averages out to a \$10 per year increase or an increase of \$1.88 per class). Similarly, we have decided on a formula which sets the rate of additional students at 50% for a second student ($\$275 + \$137 = \$412$) and an additional 25% for three or more students ($\$412 + \$110 = \$515$).

Religious Education Fees - February 2017		
Grades 1-8	New Rate	Discount 10% if paid in full at time of registration - on tuition only - discount does not apply to fees
# Children		
1	\$275.00	\$248.00
2	\$412.00	\$370.00
3 or more	\$515.00	\$464.00
Late fee if paid after 6-30-17	\$50.00	
Preschool/Kindergarten		
Per Child	\$125.00	\$113.00
Fees		
Grade 2 - Communion	\$25.00	
Grade 5 - Bible	\$25.00	
Grade 8 - Confirmation	\$60.00	

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Furthermore, we will discontinue an increased tuition rate for students that register late. Instead we will impose a late registration fee per family for students registering after June 30, 2017. Materials are ordered and plans are put into place for catechists in June, which is why it is necessary to register early. Along with encouraging early registration, St. Julie will now offer a 10% discount for families who pay their tuition in full at the time of registration!

Finally, I wish to remind families that financial aid is available for those families in need. St. Julie will never turn a child away because of a family's inability to meet the tuition obligation. We take our partnership seriously, which we share with families, to raise up a new generation of faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and will do all that is possible to instill in them our Catholic values and teachings.

Thank you for your understanding of the needs of the parish in structuring our tuition. We look forward to another year of growing in faith together.

Peace and Prayers,

Rev. Louis Tylka
Pastor