



February 7, 2025

Dear Parents or Guardians:

The Church's greatest mission is to evangelize and share the Word of God, a calling we fulfill daily in our Catholic schools. We are honored to partner with you in your child's journey of faith and learning and deeply appreciate the sacrifices made by families who choose Catholic education. Thanks to the unwavering support of our faculty, staff, donors, and parishioners, we are able to provide a high-quality education while keeping tuition as affordable as possible.

Annually, the four pastors, with their finance councils, assess the financial needs of our schools. After a thorough review, tuition for the 2025-2026 school year will increase by 8.5%. This adjustment ensures we can provide deserved salary and benefit increases for our dedicated staff, who are essential to maintaining the quality of our schools.

It's important to note that this increase does not cover additional operating expenses like utilities, service contracts, and supplies. These costs will be generously subsidized by our parishes through the support of parishioners.

We recognize that a tuition increase may be challenging for some families. To support those in need, we encourage you to explore the tuition assistance opportunities outlined in the attached document.

We remain committed to creating a supportive and encouraging environment for every student as we grow our schools and nurture future leaders in the Church and beyond. We invite you to share your family's experiences with others in our community and encourage you to reach out to your parish priest or school principal with any questions or concerns. They are here to partner with you in providing the gift of Catholic education.

Thank you again for choosing a Catholic elementary school for your child's education and faith journey.

May God bless you and your family,

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for choosing a Catholic education for your child(ren) and entrusting us with their spiritual and academic development. Our schools are a vital ministry of the Church, made possible by the generosity of parishioners. Together, we ensure that our schools remain vibrant centers of catechesis, faith formation, and stewardship. This work thrives only when our parishes are healthy and active.

As we look to the 2025-2026 school year, we are excited to continue to build on the **Family School Agreement** that has already made a significant impact. Through this agreement, families have deepened their connection to their faith, and it has brought each of us great joy to see pews fuller, hear stories of families returning to the Church, and witness how these efforts are revitalizing faith within our community.

The Family School Agreement includes two key components. First, service hour requirements emphasize active parish and school participation. Families are encouraged to engage through ministries at Mass, parish councils, committees, and events, fostering a stronger sense of belonging and shared mission.

Second, for Catholic families, Mass attendance remains the cornerstone of our faith. The Eucharist unites us as the Body of Christ and strengthens our entire community. As Catholics, you should attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day. We realize that travel, sickness, and scheduling may lead you to attend Mass at various parishes; however, you must attend Mass at a participating parish at least 51% of the time. Eighth grade families should still participate in the program as many scholarships to QND take into account Mass attendance.

For Catholic families not currently registered at a parish, we warmly invite you to join one of our four parishes. If you are non-Catholic and interested in learning more about the faith, please reach out to your parish priest.

The Family School Agreement is designed to strengthen our schools, parishes, and families, bringing us closer to Christ and one another. Thank you for your prayers, participation, and support in helping us carry out this mission. May God bless your family and our community in the year ahead.

Warm regards,

Rev. Steven Arisman
Pastor, St. Francis Solanus

Rev. Thomas Donovan
Pastor, St. Anthony of Padua

Rev. Tom Meyer
Pastor, Blessed Sacrament

Msgr. Leo Enlow
Pastor, St. Peter



2025-2026 Tuition & Fees Schedule Kindergarten - 8th Grade

Tuition

Families **registered** and **actively participating** in one of the four Quincy Catholic Parishes that sponsor a school (Blessed Sacrament, St. Anthony, St. Francis, or St. Peter):

	Cost to Educate	Parish Subsidy	Cost to Family
One Child	\$6,950	\$3,260	\$3,690
Two Children	\$13,900	\$8,500	\$5,400
Three or more Children	\$20,850 (or more)	\$14,880 (or more)	\$5,970

Catholic families **not actively participating** in their parish or **not registered** in one of the four Quincy Catholic Parishes listed above OR families of another faith:

	Cost to Educate	Parish Subsidy	Cost to Family
One Child	\$6,950	\$1,690	\$5,260
Two Children	\$13,900	\$5,060	\$8,840
Three or more Children	\$20,850 (or more)	\$10,810 (or more)	\$10,040

Resource Fee:

New Families \$265 per student (Early Bird Discount)
 \$415 per student (if paid after May 7, 2025)

Returning Families \$250 per student (Early Bird Discount)
 \$400 (if paid after May 7, 2025)

In order to guarantee a space for your child(ren) - based on enrollment capacity - at any one of the four Catholic elementary schools, the **non-refundable** Resource Fee must be paid by May 7, 2025. Please note current QCES families who still owe tuition and/or fees for the current school year must pay their past due amount by Friday, May 21, 2025, in order to enroll their child(ren).



2025-2026 Tuition Assistance Opportunities Kindergarten - 8th Grade

Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation

The QCES Foundation provides about \$130,000 in tuition assistance to families each school year. Awards for assistance are based on financial need. Applications, including required supporting documents such as W-2s and tax returns, must be submitted online through the FACTS Grant & Aid Program. While funding is not guaranteed, families who fall within 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines are encouraged to apply.



The QCES Foundation also facilitates multiple scholarships. To be considered for a scholarship, families must complete the scholarship form AND the FACTS Grant & Aid application.

- Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship - Full-tuition scholarship (K-8) awarded to one Catholic family at each of the four Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools.
- Newcomer's Scholarship - Partially need based, full-tuition scholarship (K-8), Catholic or non-Catholic, whose family does not currently have any children enrolled at QCS.
- St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship - Full-tuition and fees scholarship (K-8) awarded to two families who do not currently have any children enrolled at QCS. The scholarship is intended for students of color, non-Catholic students, students below poverty level, or students with disabilities.

Household Size	200% FPL
1	\$31,300
2	\$42,300
3	\$53,300
4	\$64,300
5	\$75,300
6	\$86,300
7	\$97,300
8	\$108,300
9	\$119,300
10	\$130,300

All scholarship applications must be submitted to director@quincycatholicschools.org. FACTS applications and scholarship applications must be completed and submitted by April 4, 2025. **Tuition assistance and scholarship applications for returning families will not be accepted past this date without approval from the foundation director.** More information and links to the applications are available at www.quincycatholicschools.org/tuitionassistance.

Gene Grawe Fund

Participation in the Gene Grawe Fund can offset tuition by the purchase of gift cards offered through many retailers. These businesses donate a percentage of the profits which is then distributed to the tuition accounts of the families participating. Every year, during Spring school registration, all students and their parents are extended the opportunity to participate in the Gene Grawe Fund. To learn more, visit www.genegrawefund.org or stop by the office located in the lobby at St. Peter Church, 2600 Maine Street.



2025-2026 Important Dates

February 7, 2025	Online Application/Enrollment Begins FACTS Application Opens Scholarship Applications Open Newcomer's Scholarship St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship
April 4, 2025	FACTS application due. Required documentation must be submitted (W-2 forms, tax returns, 1040, etc.) Scholarship Applications Due *Tuition assistance and scholarship applications will not be accepted for returning families past this date without approval from the foundation director.
May 7, 2025	Non-refundable Resource Fee Due (to receive Early Bird Discount)
May 21, 2025	Outstanding balance(s) from the current school year must be paid in full to school (tuition, fees, lunch, etc.)
June 30, 2025	Tuition must be paid in full or a payment plan must be established with the school through the FACTS Tuition-Management Program.