

TUITION ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES AT STMA

Parents make great sacrifices to send their children to Catholic School. At STMA we have the following opportunities to assist with affording the the cost of Catholic education

Friends of Catholic Education (FOCE) Grocery Card Program: Everyone buys groceries. Buying groceries through the FOCE Grocery program provides families with tuition credit. This money can be applied to tuition or donated to the school. This is free money you buy a \$50 grocery card and receive 2, 3 or 4 % in credit. (see attached flyer)

Friends of Catholic Education (FOCE) Scholarships: There are a few scholarships available from FOCE for students with good academic records and demonstrated need. Parents should submit their request through the school and the school will provide the recommendations to FOCE scholarship committee who will make the final decision. A TADS Submission is recommended for this submission as part of the selection is needs based.

On Line SCRIP Program: Turn your purchases at Starbucks, Macy's Borders, Panera Macaroni Grill Burger King etc into tuition credit. If you purchase the cards on –line for the benefit of STMA. These credit come right to your tuition

Family Referral: Everyone knows other families with Kids. If you choose to be a school ambassador and introduce additional families to STMA. You will receive a \$100 credit for any referred family who enrolls.

Parish Assistance: The local parishes do provide assistance to students attending Catholic schools. Parents should inquire with their local parish

Tuition Assistance: Even with these programs, the tuition may be out of reach for some families. STMA is willing to help those families with demonstrated need. For the coming year, needs based scholarships are applied for through a Tuition Aid Data Service (TADS) available online at www.tads.com. The application must be submitted by April 1 for the following school year. Late applications may not be able to be considered. Parents should submit for all methods of assistance as the school may not be able to meet the full amount of demonstrated need. STMA requires that you submit and aid request to you parish and that you utilize the FOCE Grocery card program in order to receive assistance from the school.