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GICC Parents –

I pray this letter finds you well!

This letter is to serve as a follow up to the letter I sent out last month outlining the tuition structure changes coming to GICC for next year. As we figured, this prompted a lot more questions than answers. Our financial committee has been hard at work determining the details of the policy and it's execution.

To answer some of the questions we've received:

- What is 'sufficient contribution'?
 - The policy states families should give at least \$750/year (~\$15/week) to their parish to receive the Catholic tuition rate. This need not be on a weekly basis.
- What does the time/talent requirement entail?
 - If you are unable to meet the \$750 obligation to your parish, your pastor may waive your obligation based on your other contributions.
- Will the school gain possession of my church giving records?
 - Absolutely not! That's none of my business! At the beginning of next school year, we will send a list to each pastor of families claiming their parish. The pastor will return to us a list of families meeting and not meeting requirements.
- Why are we doing this?
 - Because we are so much more than Catholic in name alone! An audit of a parish done last year showed that only 30-40% of the families claiming that parish would have met these benchmarks. Our parishes support our school at a high level, we too should support our parishes!

I pray for you all constantly!

Jordan Engle