

Range Of Assistance Awarded And Average Amounts

For the 2009-2010 school year, the Tuition Assistance Fund through the Diocese of Gary awarded a total of \$14,874 to 18 students at Our Lady of Grace School. The awards ranged from \$543 to \$2,428. The amount of the award was dependent upon financial need and circumstances, number of children attending Catholic school and the parishioner's level of activity in the parish and school. For the 2008-2009 school year, the OLG Endowment Fund provided awards to six children totaling \$2,850.

Further Questions

For further information regarding financial assistance, please contact Ms. Marilyn Tomko, Principal of Our Lady of Grace School at (219) 838-2901.



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*Knowledge for the
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The Benefits Of A Catholic Education

The primary reasons that parents give for sending their children to Catholic school are:

- Academic Excellence
- Emphasis on Catholic values
- Healthy social relationships
- A supportive environment

Our Lady Of Grace Mission Statement

Our Lady of Grace School, with the support of the school families, dedicated faculty, and the entire parish community of Our Lady of Grace, cultivates academic excellence and Catholic values within a distinctive educational framework. The major goal is to prepare students to respond to the challenges in their lives by:

- Providing quality instruction
- Encouraging students to lead “Christ-Centered” lives
- Developing a consciousness of the family of God by providing service to others.

Testimonials On Why A Catholic Education Is Worth A Sacrifice

“For more than twenty consecutive years, all of our five sons attended OLG. Many of us remember that our school was unique in the diocese as it was ‘tuition free’. Yet we understood other parishioners were easing our financial obligation. We were so fortunate to have the committed support of these parish members. This gift allowed us to take advantage of the excellent quality of education along with the focus on Christian principles—certainly a comfort to parents seeking only the best for their child. Our children acknowledge the strong foundation they received at OLG. High academic standards taught by competent, caring and dedicated faculty members were evident then and are still present today.” **Virginia and Richard Lenart**

“Our Lady of Grace School gave me the discipline and study skills that led to my success in high school and now college. Small class sizes and individualized attention made me look forward to school each day.”

Katie Quinn, 2005 Highland H.S. Valedictorian

“The academic preparation that Our Lady of Grace provides to each student prepares them well to tackle a challenging high school college preparatory curriculum. OLG graduates have long been among the best at Bishop Noll Institute. We know that when we admit an OLG graduate, they will be some of our best and brightest in the classroom and in any of the activities in which they would participate.” **Scott Fech, former Principal, Bishop Noll Institute**

HOW TO AFFORD A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Special Tuition Discounts

- Families who are members of St. James Parish in Highland or Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Hammond may enroll their children at the parishioner rate. For further information, contact the school principal.
- Our Lady of Grace School provides a multiple student discount for parishioners. Eligibility for the parishioner rate requires a minimum \$15 per week church contribution.
- Parents also have the opportunity to further reduce tuition payments by participating in the Tuition Reduction Incentive Program. The purchase of monthly vouchers allows families to reduce their tuition by a certain percentage attached to each voucher.
- We also provide a referral incentive discount of \$50.
- Payment in full at registration will result in a 5% discount.

Applying For And Receiving Financial Assistance

Diocesan Tuition Assistance – The Diocese of Gary has provided about \$500,000 for tuition assistance to Catholic students of the diocese for the 2009-2010 academic year. The parent of any Catholic student in grades 1-12 attending a diocesan school is eligible to apply for the program. Parents should obtain a Private School Aid Service application from the Parish Office. Forms may not be Xeroxed and must be returned to the Parish Office by February 22, 2010. In the event exceptional circumstances occur (loss of job, health issues, etc.) after the filing date, families may contact the school or parish office for further assistance. A \$21 nonrefundable processing fee must accompany the application. Parents will be notified in writing regarding the amount of any assistance prior to April 30, 2010. Those families that do not receive assistance may appeal the decision. Further questions regarding the Diocesan Tuition Assistance program/application may be directed to Ms. Marilyn Tomko, Principal of Our Lady of Grace School at (219) 838-2901.

Endowment - Funds are used to provide assistance for families that need immediate assistance due to financial hardship through the Endowment Fund. Parents may submit a letter to Ms. Tomko indicating the reason assistance is requested. The request for assistance will be submitted to the OLG Endowment Committee. Financial assistance will be provided based upon need, the number of requests submitted and funds available for that year.

Annual Fund - Financial assistance may also be provided under exceptional circumstances through the OLG Annual Fund. Requests should be made directly to Ms. Tomko.