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To the Parishioner Parents and Guardians of Children in OCS,
Greetings,

The end of the 2009-2010 first semester is now approaching. At this time I ask that you consider the pledge you made in order to receive a voucher to be a parish sponsored family in the Owensboro Catholic Schools system. The terms of the voucher were stated last May:

The requirement for reception of the benefit of the parishioner tuition rate and the consideration of tuition assistance, as you know, involves parish registration along with active and faithful participation in parish life. Qualification for parishioner status tuition requires parish registration; regularity of Sunday & Holy Day Mass celebration; and participation in stewardship by the family in the work of the parish church. Furthermore, participation here in Sunday and Holy Day Mass is tracked by way of the submission on those days of the parishioner envelope. While the parish family is required to make some financial contribution to the parish monthly (no amount specified, this depends upon the free will of the family) the envelope, even if empty, must be placed in the collection at Mass for at least 80% of the annual number of Sundays and Holy Days. Stewardship also requires assisting in parish functions and in parish fund raising on behalf of our commitments to OCS.

A copy of your pledge is enclosed. I also enclosed a form by which I ask that you state how you have kept your pledge, or tell me the circumstances which have made this difficult or impossible. In figuring the Mass requirement I ask that you consider only the Sundays and Holy Days since the semester began in August. Please respond by December 28.

I know very well that some families are living through medical crises and other circumstances which pull them away from celebrating the liturgy as often as they intended with the parish. Please, simply note these circumstances which have affected your commitments here. All good faith reasons are acceptable and will be honored. For those who, despite the awarded tuition assistance, still face an incapacity to meet the cost at OCS, I have accumulated a special fund to assist you. This school year I am giving the parish all gratuities offered to me at weddings, funerals, and baptisms primarily for this purpose and perhaps for some other educational needs. Please let me know if you face such a need.

The parish supports your own most serious obligations by way of a substantial stewardship of our parish resources out of our obligation to share our Catholic life of faith with new generations. May the Lord sustain us all in this stewardship.

Sincerely,

Rev. Richard Meredith