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# OWNER CHURCH PARISH FEE EXEMPTION POLICY

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Catholic High School is jointly owned by St. Peter's, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sacred Heart, and Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Churches. To be one of the owner Churches of Catholic High School is a very expensive proposition! In the past year, each of the four owner Churches have each paid out a substantial amount of money to Catholic High School to support Catholic education. As you might imagine from your experience of trying to balance your own family's financial budget, this really puts a stress on our Church's financial budget!

All four owner pastors have witnessed a good number of our Catholic High families being very active and supportive of the ministry of their own home Church Parish. Not only are these parents sending their children to a Catholic School to learn about their Catholic faith, they are accompanying their children at Mass each weekend to put their family's Catholic faith into practice!

Sacred Scripture writes about the importance of the Holy Eucharist in the life of Christians: "Jesus said to them, 'Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life. For my Flesh is true food, and my Blood is true drink.'" (John 6: 53-55)

These are the types of Church-based, faith-focused, families that the owner Churches would like to support!

To receive assistance in the form of a parish subsidy from St. Peter's, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sacred Heart, or Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Churches, a set of common criteria has been established by all four owner pastors.

**ALL of these 5 criteria must be met in order to be eligible for assistance with the parish subsidy. The completed form must have the parish seal and Pastor's signature and be submitted by January 31, 2019.**

1. **Must be a Registered Parishioner.** Families must be registered members of their home Church Parish for at least one year before applying for financial assistance.
2. **Must attend Weekly Mass at your Home Church Parish.** We certainly realize that, occasionally, people are out of town for various reasons and can't attend Mass at their own home Church. However, the vast majority of the time, your weekend Mass attendance should take place at the Church that you have asked to financially support you at Catholic High.
3. **Must support the ministry of your home Church Parish financially with a minimum weekly donation of \$10.** The idea is that you support the Church Parish that is financially supporting you! If finances are a real struggle for your family, it is our understanding that Catholic High School itself offers financial assistance for families that qualify. Tuition assistance packets are available upon request. CHS does have spring deadlines for applications. Assistance is based on many factors and is not guaranteed.
4. **Must use Church support envelopes (not loose cash) that verify your commitment to the ministry of your home Church Parish.**
5. **Must participate in some type of ministry at your home Church Parish throughout the year.**

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Fr. William Blanda, Chancellor**  
Pastor, St. Peter's Catholic Church

**Fr. Bill Melancon**  
Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Catholic Church

**Fr. Mario Romero**  
Pastor, Nativity of Our Lady Catholic  
Church

**Fr. Keith Landry**  
Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Catholic Church

# APPLICATION TO MY HOME CHURCH PARISH FOR FEE EXEMPTION

Please note that ALL FIVE of these criteria must be met in order to be eligible to receive assistance with Parish Subsidy fees from your home Church Parish.

## 1. Must be a Registered Parishioner.

Our family are registered parishioners of • St. Peter's • Nativity • Sacred Heart • OLPH  
Name Grade Level

Catholic High Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Must attend Weekly Mass at your home Church Parish.

Our family attends Mass every weekend at our home Church Parish • Yes • No

Over the past ten weekends, our family has attended Mass at our home Church Parish \_\_\_\_\_ times.

## 3. Must support the ministry of your home Church Parish financially with a minimum weekly donation of \$10.

Last year our family contributed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards supporting the ministry and outreach of our home Church Parish.

## 4. Must use Church support envelopes (not loose cash) that verify your commitment to the ministry of your home Church Parish.

I/We use Church envelopes (not loose cash) each week when I attend Mass at my home Church Parish. Yes • No •

My envelope account number is: \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Must participate in some type of ministry at your home Church Parish throughout the year.

Not only do we attend Mass each week at our home Church Parish, other Church ministries that we are involved in are:

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If your family meets ALL FIVE of these criteria, please sign and submit this application to your home Church Parish for consideration.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Qualifying Parent(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor' Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

The completed form with the Parish Seal and Pastor's signature must be submitted by January 31, 2020.

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