



# *St. Joseph Catholic School*

506 E. Marvin Avenue, Waxahachie, TX 75165

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RE: Financial Aid Update

Dear Parents,

It is that time of year to start thinking about tuition assistance for the 2019-2020 school year. The diocese has changed application dates this year in an effort to streamline the process. Please be aware of the dates as they are firm. In addition, all of the funds available to the diocese have been combined under a new name called The Halo Initiative (<https://thehaloinitiative.org/>).

As a school, we were so very fortunate to have had two individual donors last year who greatly added to the amount of assistance the school typically provides. We cannot guarantee that those funds will be donated again this year and therefore cannot guarantee that you will receive the same amount of financial assistance for the upcoming year. However, we have taken steps to increase the amount of scholarship funds available to our families by partnering with ACE Scholarships for 2019-2020 school year. We do not know yet how many scholarships they will allot for SJCS but they have been very generous with the diocese as a whole so we remain optimistic.

This year, every family who would like to be considered for tuition assistance, whether from the diocese, ACE, or the school **MUST** complete an application through FACTS. **No exceptions.** (Remember to use your same email and login information each year!) Financial assistance is needs-based, and we will use the FACTS assessment in our decision-making process. We have created a Financial Assistance committee comprised of Fr. Ivan, Mrs. Novy, and myself who will review the requests and award assistance in a consistent and uniform manner.

Currently enrolled families are eligible to apply during the Priority Application Round period of November 1, 2018 – January 5, 2019. Priority Awards will be announced February 15, 2019. Currently enrolled AND new families are eligible to apply during the Regular Application Round period of January 6, 2019 – April 1, 2019. Regular Awards will be announced May 15, 2019. The ACE Scholarship will have a separate application process and we will apprise you of that information as soon as it is available.

Should you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

In Christ,

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Principal

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