



## TUITION AND FUNDRAISING AGREEMENT

2017-2018

*A Partnership Recognizing the Stewardship of All*

St. Joseph School makes every effort to keep tuition at a level that allows students eligible to attend our school to do so. In order to bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost to educate each student, parents are obligated to participate in three fundraising activities selected by the school.

### Fundraising Obligations

**Annual Fund:** Each family must select one of the Annual Fund options below at the time of registration. Gifts to the Annual Fund are solicited yearly, and are tax-deductible as allowed by law. All families are asked to be as generous as possible. Payment on pledges can be made as a one-time donation or over a period of time of their choosing. Pledge commitments are due by September 30, 2017. Re-enrollment for the following year may be delayed until a pledge is on file. Payments are due by May 31, 2018.

**Walk-a-Thon:** All families are expected to participate in and contribute to the Walk-a-Thon at the rate of at least \$100 per family.

**Auction:** All families are expected to procure at least \$200 worth of items, services or cash, and to contribute to each child's class Auction project.

	Actual Cost to Educate	In-Parish Tuition	Gap Created	Out-of-Parish Tuition	Gap Created
Total for One Child	\$11,589	\$8,310	\$3,279	\$10,288	\$1,301
Total for Two Children	\$23,178	\$14,072	\$9,106	\$17,833	\$5,345
Total for Three Children	\$34,767	\$17,175	\$17,592	\$24,950	\$9,817

You may choose to pay the Actual Cost to Educate your child/children. If you choose to pay the Actual Cost to Educate your child/children, the amount you pay above your stated tuition amount is tax-deductible as allowed by law and counts as your responsibility to the 2016-2017 Annual Fund, Walk-a-Thon, and Auction procurement. (You are still required to donate to your student's class auction project.) You have the option to pay the Actual Cost to Educate up front with a one-time charge to your credit card. If you select to pay the Actual Cost to Educate for your children, you are encouraged to continue in "A Partnership Recognizing the Stewardship of All" by contributing to the Walk-a-Thon and by procuring items or services for the Auction.

**OPTION A: ACTUAL COST TO EDUCATE** I understand that tuition alone does not cover the cost of education and that participation in the Actual Cost to Educate helps St. Joseph School balance its operating budget and frees up resources for additional services.

I choose to pay the Actual Cost to Educate tuition of \$11,589 for my student(s) at St. Joseph School.

Actual Cost to Educate tuition \$11,589 x # of Students \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTION B: ANNUAL FUND PLEDGE**

I am willing to make a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help cover the actual cost of educating my student(s).

\$10,000      \$ 7,500      \$5,000      \$3,000      \$2,500      \$2,000

\$1,000      \$750      \$500      \$250      Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Add the amount of this gift to my monthly FACTS tuition statement.

Add the amount of this gift as a one-time payment to FACTS tuition statement in the month of \_\_\_\_\_.

This is a one-time gift to be paid on \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTION C:**

I choose to pay only my regular tuition at this time.

I understand that I will be contacted at a later time to participate in the Annual Fund. I also understand that all Annual Fund pledges are due to the office by September 30, 2017, and that re-enrollment for the following year may be delayed until my pledge card is on file in the school office.

I have read this agreement and I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in the Fundraising Obligations section above.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Names \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please keep a copy of this form for your records.



## St. Joseph School – “Where the Difference Counts” Annual Fund Program for 2017-18

### *A Partnership Recognizing the Stewardship of All*

St. Joseph School makes every effort to keep tuition at a level that allows students eligible to attend our school to do so. The current in parish base tuition is \$8,310. However, the actual cost to educate one student is \$11,589. In order to bridge the gap between base tuition and the actual full cost to educate each student, parents are obligated to participate in three fundraising activities; Annual Fund, Auction and Walk-a-thon. These fundraisers help to keep tuition affordable and our school budget balanced.

We look forward to your participation! To make it easier for you to return your yearly pledge as soon as possible, here are some commonly asked questions and answers about annual fund.

**Why does the school ask Parents to pledge now for next year’s annual fund?** Including the annual pledge form and information now gives parents a better understanding of the importance of annual giving and an early opportunity to plan for next year’s financial commitments.

**Can I make my annual fund donation with my monthly tuition payment?** Yes. Pledges made now can be added to your 2017-18 tuition contract and made payable over July 2017 – June 2018. This is the easiest way to complete your annual fund commitment. Please see your tuition letter.

**Are we required to pledge now?** No. However, you will receive a letter in the fall asking you to pledge. Pledge commitments are due by September 30, 2017 and full payment on your pledge is due by May 31, 2018.

**What is the SJS 2017-18 annual fund goal?** The annual fund goal for 2017 -18 school year is \$130,000 **and** 100% participation from the entire SJS community.

**Is my annual fund gift tax deductible?** Yes, by law, contributions made to the annual fund are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Tuition payments are not.

### *Making a Difference*

As the young man walked the beach at dawn, he noticed an old man ahead of him picking up starfish and flinging them into the sea. Finally, catching up with him, the young man asked him why he was doing this. The answer was that the stranded starfish would die if left until the next tide.

“But the beach goes on for miles and there are millions of starfish,” said the young man. “How can your efforts make any difference?” The old man looked at the starfish in his hand and threw it gently into the water. “It made a difference to that one,” he replied.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR CHOOSING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**