



St. Mary Immaculate Conception School  
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"Every Child Is A Gift, Every Child Is Gifted"

PreK-8 Education & Fine Arts Center

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization* (STO) and St Mary IC School are pleased to once again provide tuition assistance to qualifying families. This program, supported by over 1000 donors provides expanded opportunities to help qualifying families afford the Catholic School of their choice.

Tuition assistance through the STO is available to all families whose 2014 taxable income is at or below 300% of the federally determined poverty rate. That table is found at the end of this letter.

St Mary IC School also has local funding to provide tuition assistance over and above the STO program thus providing supplementary tuition assistance. Our local assistance program is open to all locally qualifying families, not just those eligible for the STO.

Both the STO and St Mary IC School will be utilizing Private School Aid Services (PSAS) to assist in determining the level of assistance to be awarded. PSAS has developed an application that all families need to complete to be considered for assistance. Your personal information will be held in strictest confidence at all times. If you have a child at more than one Archdiocesan School, you will only need to complete one application form. There is a \$25 non-refundable processing fee for the online application (or \$26.00 for a mailed application) payable to PSAS.

The application is available at the school office and on line at <http://www.psas.org/DUBQ.aspx>. In addition to your completed application, you must include a copy of your 2014 federal income tax return or your 2013 federal income tax return with a copy of your 2014 W-2(s). The application needs to be completed on-line or via U.S. Mail, postmarked no later than **March 23, 2015**. We urge you to send the materials in early.

To assist you in filling out the application PSAS will have a call center available at 1-866-424-6443. The call center is open Monday-Friday from 11:00 am-7:00 pm, and on Saturdays from 8:00 am-noon. You are also welcome to call <name> at the school for assistance.

Award notification letters will be mailed on or before May 22, 2015. The complete timeline with specific information concerning the application is found below.

We strongly encourage every family to complete an application. The *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future STO* coupled with our local tuition assistance program will be able to make Catholic Education affordable for all.

If you have questions about the assistance program, call the school. Call the PSAS call center at 1-866-424-6443 with specific questions about the application. This is a wonderful opportunity for qualifying families.

Sincerely,  
*Joanne Hedemann*  
 Principal

### Timeline

- Now** Applications available through the school and on-line at <http://www.psas.org/DUBQ.aspx>.
- March 23** Completed applications must be post-marked or filed electronically.
- May 22** Award notification letters sent to all families who applied.
- June 5** Families receiving assistance send confirmation they are accepting/declining the assistance back to the school.

### Program Information

The “*Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future STO*” is funded by numerous generous donors from across the Archdiocese of Dubuque. All donors received an Iowa Tax Credit equal to 65% of their gift, with all donations qualifying for a federal income tax deduction for their 2015 returns. Donors interested in contributing to this program during 2015 can download a donor application at <http://www.OurFaithSTO.org>. The goal for 2015 is to raise \$5,479,436 to be used in the 2016-17 school year.

Families are eligible for the *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future STO* assistance if their taxable income for 2014 is at or below 300% of the poverty level. The poverty level is set by federal guidelines. The level of *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future STO* assistance recommended by PSAS will be based upon family income, number of dependents, and the total K-12 tuition bill for the family.

**\*STO Qualifying Levels 2015-2016**

<b>**Family Size</b>	<b>***Maximum Income</b>	<b>**Family Size</b>	<b>***Maximum Income</b>
<b>Two</b>	<b>\$47,790</b>	<b>Five</b>	<b>\$85,230</b>
<b>Three</b>	<b>\$60,270</b>	<b>Six</b>	<b>\$97,710</b>
<b>Four</b>	<b>\$72,750</b>	<b>Seven</b>	<b>\$110,190</b>

\* STO qualifying levels are based upon 300% of 2015 Federal Poverty Levels as required by Iowa law.

\*\*Family size includes parents/guardians plus total number of dependents claimed on 2014 tax return. For families with more than seven persons, add \$12,480 for each additional person.

\*\*\* Families are eligible for **STO assistance** if their taxable income is at or below the above listed income levels. Local assistance may not be based upon the above. Falling within these guidelines does not necessarily guarantee tuition assistance.

All families who want to be considered for tuition assistance must fill out the PSAS application.