

## Dear OLV Families,

As we approach the end of this school year, it's time to start looking ahead to the 2025-2026 academic year. The early school years are some of the most formative in a child's life—building the foundations of reading, writing, and social development. At Our Lady of Victory (OLV) School, we go beyond academics by also nurturing students in faith, helping them grow in their relationship with God and develop strong moral values that will guide them for life.

One of the greatest strengths of OLV is our small class sizes, with an average of just 14 students in grades K-6. This allows teachers to provide individualized attention, fostering both academic success and personal growth. Students also benefit from modern technology, with interactive whiteboards in every classroom and access to iPads or Chromebooks to support learning.

## The True Cost of Catholic Education

Did you know that it costs over \$9,000 to educate each student at OLV? Families pay only a portion of this, with the remaining costs covered through fundraising and the generous subsidy provided by Our Lady of Victory Church. As a ministry of the Church, our school will never turn away a family due to financial hardship. We believe that every child deserves access to a Catholic education, regardless of financial circumstances.

To continue offering an excellent education while ensuring just wages for our dedicated teachers, tuition for the 2025-2026 school year will be:

K-6 Families: \$3,500

To help with the cost of tuition, parents can apply for a scholarship from the Endowment Fund, which provides up to \$5,250 per family. New this year, families can receive additional assistance by having friends and family sign up for monthly donations to the Endowment Fund on their behalf. This is a wonderful opportunity to make Catholic education even more accessible to those who need support.

## The Impact of Fundraising

Fundraising plays a vital role in making Catholic education affordable. Here's how each event supports our school:

- Marathon Supports the general budget
- Wreath Sales Supports the Home & School Association
- World's Finest Chocolate Sales Helps subsidize teacher salaries
- Catholic United Raffle Contributes to the general budget
- **Spring Gala** Supports the general budget





Our teachers at OLV are passionate about both education and faith. They dedicate themselves to nurturing each child, academically and spiritually, even though their salaries are approximately 80% of what public school teachers earn. This is why supporting teacher salary subsidies is so important—to ensure we continue to retain talented educators who share our Catholic mission.

## **Preparing Students for Future Success**

An OLV education not only instills strong faith and values but also sets students up for academic success. Many of our graduates who transition to Kennedy Secondary School qualify for Advanced Mathematics in seventh grade, positioning them for future advanced placement courses.

Registration details for K-6 will be coming soon, and we hope to see many families returning for another year of faith-filled learning. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about OLV or schedule a tour, please contact the school office.

Thank you for being part of our OLV family and for your continued support of Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Jake Raths

Principal

Our Lady of Victory School

