

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Dear St. Rita School Families:

This upcoming weekend, September 22nd & 23rd, is our annual Stewardship Weekend. It is the time of year where you can get involved in a new ministry that is of interest to you! It is also the time when you will record your annual pledge. You will be receiving in the mail a letter and brochure from Fr. Joshua which further explains the process and importance of your annual stewardship commitment to St. Rita Catholic Church.

Your annual pledge provides the parish leadership with a realistic assessment of the church's financial outlook for the upcoming year. This way we can plan and act as good stewards of all the gifts we receive. Your tithe also helps the church subsidize the school on an annual basis. The church gives a substantial amount to the operating budget of the school. The generosity of the church to the school currently enables the school to charge lower-than-cost tuition rates for parishioners. For one child the reduction in tuition between parishioner and non-parishioner rates is \$4,600.

As a reminder, to be eligible for the Catholic child tuition rate, a family must meet the requirements of a Parish Tuition Family. This requires a family to be actively involved in parish life as manifested by traceable stewardship of time, talent and treasure, and whose children are receiving, or are preparing to receive, the Catholic Sacraments.

It is expected that each Parish Tuition Family contributes a minimum of \$1,000 annually to St. Rita Catholic Church. A 2019 pledge card must be completed by year-end and the tithe paid in full by the end of 2019 in order to receive the reduced Catholic child tuition rates. Otherwise, you will be classified as a Non-Parish Tuition Family and will be charged the non-parish tuition rate.

Next week when you receive your Stewardship Commitment Campaign materials, we encourage you to follow the instructions included and use our on-line pledging system. Otherwise, please complete and return the paper pledge card that is included in the same mailing.

If you have any questions, please contact me at hblizzard@stritaparish.net or 214-451-6513.

Sincerely,



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