

St. Matthew Catholic Church

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Dear Catholic School Parent,

We are delighted that you have chosen a Catholic education for your child/children and thank you for your support of Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS). Each year, in January, the MACS office asks us to review the list of families from our parish with children currently enrolled, in order to renew their status as a 'participating' Catholic family and thereby qualify for a reduced tuition rate. Mass attendance is the most important criteria for determining 'participating' status, and in a parish our size, consistent Sunday Mass attendance is determined by noting either the weekly use of offertory envelopes, or offertory cards for those giving electronically through Faith Direct. Active participation of families also includes service to the parish through time, talent, and treasure, and the celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please also note that Catholic parents are required to enroll their children in their parish sacramental programs for the preparation for and reception of these sacraments. If your child has missed one or more of these sacraments, we would be happy to assist in making them available to you through special sacrament classes in our Faith Formation program.

We send this reminder of the expectation for every MACS family to show evidence of their weekly Mass attendance, as a minimum criterion for renewal of 'participating' family status. Financial and volunteer support of the parish are also important. As a point of reference, please note that St. Matthew contributes over \$1M each year (or \$900/child enrolled at MACS and registered at St. Matthew) to MACS in support of Catholic education.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at Mass. If you have any questions about these requirements, or would like more information about the special sacrament classes for your child/children, please contact Sandy Sawyer, Membership Coordinator (sandras@stmatthewcatholic.org), or if you need Faith Direct offertory cards, please call Faith Direct at (866) 507-8757.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Father John Allen