

Funding at St. Ignatius School

The purpose of this letter is to let you know about the St. Ignatius School Board of Directors' campaign to ask you to make your parish donations through Pre-Authorized Contributions (PAC).

Parish donations are an important part of how we remain a faith community committed to quality education. This is particularly so because the current level of government funding does not cover the full operating costs of independent schools.

In order that parents of the School demonstrate to our fellow parishioners that we are fully committed to supporting a quality education alongside faith formation, the Board of Directors is launching a campaign to meet a target of 90% of School families making their parish donations through Pre-Authorized Contributions (PAC). We realize that from time to time parishioners miss their Sunday offerings for various reasons. These PAC automatic payments ensure that your desire to support the School is simplified and it ensures a stable income stream.

For the 2010-2011 academic year, the government of Manitoba has determined that the cost to educate a child is \$9,522.00 per year, but Catholic schools only receive half that amount. This money is intended for instructional services and does not help the School meet capital costs, such as building maintenance, renovations, and supplies.

The school principal and the Board of Directors manage a modest budget based on the grant from the Government of Manitoba, the annual instructional supply and student facility revitalization fees that parents provide to the School, and through parishioners' donations. The unselfish support of the School by all parishioners, who see today's School's students as tomorrow's parishioners, covers the deficit related to the costs of operating the School.

The current recommended guideline for School parents is a minimum of \$1,400.00 per student (for grades 1 to 8; \$700.00 for kindergarten). This amount may not be possible for all families, but even a portion, however large or small, will make a significant impact on supporting the needs of the School. PAC forms are available at the Church or School office.

If you already make your contributions to the Parish through PAC, please let Mrs. Reed (the front office executive assistant) know this. If you currently do not, please let Mrs. Reed know that you are contributing through PAC once you have completed the PAC form.

Thank you,

St. Ignatius School Board of Directors