

February 5th 2021

Dear Families,

What a wonderful week of Catholic Schools Week celebrations! We feel blessed to have witnessed the joy on our students' faces as they have shown up in spirited free dress, participated in fun assemblies, and written notes of thanks to those on the front lines of the pandemic. The energy and joy around the school has been heartwarming. They truly are beacons of HOPE to one another and our community.

We would like to express our gratitude for your partnership with us this year during COVID-19. Through a myriad of ways, you have come alongside us to help provide an education that focuses on the well being and growth of the whole child. Your support of time, talent, and treasure has not gone unnoticed, and we understand the sacrifices you have made to make Catholic education possible for your child.

As a way for us to recognize your financial commitment and walk alongside you during this challenging economic time, we have decided to **freeze the cost of tuition for the 2021-22 school year in both our ELC and K-8 programs**. This decision comes from much discernment with our Budget Committee, Parent Advisory Committee, and conversations with parish leadership.

We recognize the need for families to plan financially for their child's overall Catholic education. To meet this need we will be forming an official committee in the fall of 2021 to analyze tuition rates, develop a systematic plan for setting tuition for K-8 on a 5 year cycle, and the feasibility of a 2 year tuition cycle for ELC.

We are eternally grateful for your incredible compassion, support and love for St. Al's! Have a wonderful weekend and as Acts Chapter 2:26 reminds us: *"take some time to rest your body in HOPE."*

In Christ's Power,

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