



HTCS/OLA



ACTIVE CATHOLIC TUITION SUBSIDY REQUEST 2024-2025

If you are seeking the Catholic Subsidy Tuition rate turn in this form with registration not later than*

NOTE: Your Pastor must sign this form, and he may request a meeting with you. Additionally, he may require up to a six-month period of accountable weekly mass attendance in order to sign this form.

Name of Parish: _____

Are you a registered member of this parish? _____ Note: If not, you need to register now.

Do you use parish envelopes? _____ Direct Debit? _____

How many **Sundays** per year do you and your children attend this parish? _____
(Please give the approximate number e.g. 52, 45, 30).

I certify that the above information is true and accurate and I understand that my status as an "Active Catholic" will be evaluated by the parish staff.

Father/Mother/Guardian _____ Signature _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Child(ren)	Grade
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Parish use:

I certify that members of the above family are registered at _____ parish and attend Mass as they have testified above and are eligible for Active Catholic Tuition Subsidy.

Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____

*Needs base Tuition assistance requires a FACTS financial assistance application for grant & aid.

OBJECTIVE: *Make Catholic education affordable for ALL "Practicing" Catholics.*

THE TWO FORMS OF SUBSIDY

- 1. CATHOLIC TUITION RATE or PRACTICING CATHOLIC TUITION SUBSIDY**
- 2. NEEDS-BASED TUITION ASSISTANCE**

1. CATHOLIC TUITION RATE or PRACTICING (or ACTIVE) CATHOLIC TUITION SUBSIDY

is a discounted rate of tuition *below the actual cost* to educate each student which is made possible by parish contributions to the schools in accord with the Diocesan policy. A "Practicing Catholic" is one who attends mass on Sundays as well as on Holy Days of Obligation; is identifiably present by stewardship, use of envelopes, or some other means; and participates in parish life. *Simply having been baptized Catholic or having a family history of the Catholic faith is not sufficient to receive this subsidy.*

In order to received Practicing Catholic Tuition Subsidy from OLG, the following must apply:

- The family must be registered parishioners of OLG;
- The family must be identifiably present regularly at mass at OLG through the use of parish tithing envelopes or some other means;
- A Practicing Catholic subsidy form must be submitted to the pastor for approval.

2. NEEDS-BASED TUITION ASSISTANCE is financial aid of varying amounts, given to Practicing Catholic families in order to make Catholic education possible for families who have limited financial resources. Decisions regarding who will receive Needs-Based Tuition Assistance and how much will be made after review of the FACTS recommendations and in consultation with school principal(s), as well as the Tuition Assistance Committee. All information and deliberations are confidential.

In order to receive Needs-based tuition assistance, the following must be completed:

- The family must qualify for and be approved to receive the Practicing Catholic Tuition Rate/Subsidy;
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are required to complete a simple application provided by the school as well as the FACTS financial summary. FACTS is used to gather necessary financial information in order to get an objective recommendation for those seeking this assistance. All information will remain confidential;
- Application and all completed forms must be submitted by the mandated deadline.
- Needs-based Tuition Assistance is applicable to students enrolled in Diocesan schools.

Our Lady of the Gulf parishioners, by their stewardship, provide approx. \$200,000.00 annually to Diocesan schools to directly defer the cost of tuition for Practicing Catholics through the above-described forms of subsidy. These funds are derived from weekly collections and Trusts, as well as proceeds from the annual Crab Fest.