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Dear Mater Dolorosa School Families:

It is hard to believe that Spring is here as is the time for us to send out our registration letter. It seems like only yesterday that I was meeting all of you to begin my first year as your principal. Time has passed quickly and much has taken place as we've grown together as a faith-based community of learners.

Although we are in the midst of uncertainty, due to the Coronavirus and its impact on the remainder of this school year, we must remain positive and look to the future, as we plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

In setting tuition for the upcoming school year, we are always mindful of the cost of our education to the parents of our students. The Finance Committee has spent many hours developing a budget that cuts costs, where possible, while still providing a quality education. With the average cost to educate a student between \$5,500-6,500 per year, and our current tuition being \$3,765 and our fixed costs such as salaries, insurance, heating, etc. continuing to increase; we find it necessary to increase tuition in order to try to come close to meeting our operational costs. The good news is that *we will still be the least expensive school in the diocese*. With this in mind, the Finance Committee has approved an increase of \$200.00 per student for the 2020-2021 year. This amounts to \$20.00 per month per student.

In addition to the tuition increase, we have found it necessary to incorporate a workbook/materials fee of \$75.00 per student. This fee will be collected at the beginning of each school year and can either be paid separately or added to your first tuition payment. Our hope is to eliminate the need to do another candy bar fundraiser in the Fall. Each family will continue to be required to provide 10 service hours per year. If you cannot perform the necessary service hours, the monetary equivalent of \$25.00 per service hour will be assessed at the end of the school year. This is an increase of \$5.00 per hour. Our hope is that you support us with your time and volunteer when you can, so the increase is not a burden.

I look forward to getting back to school and being together as a school community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

As always, we encourage any family who feels the need for aid to apply. ALL AID IS NEED BASED and DEPENDENT UPON FILING AN APPLICATION WITH FACTS GRANT AND AID ASSESSMENT.

God Bless,

Mrs. Donelan

Fr. Albert

**MATER DOLOROSA SCHOOL
2020-2021
RE-ENROLLMENT
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 8**

At this time we are planning for the 2020-2021 school year. **We kindly ask that you complete the bottom portion of this form with a nonrefundable \$50.00 deposit for each child entering K-8 only and return it to school by May 11, 2020.** This deposit will go directly toward next year's tuition balance. Preschool re-enrollment will be sent home separately.

Child(ren)'s Name/Grade 2020-2021

Child(ren)'s Name/Grade in 2020-2021

_____ Yes, my child(ren) will be attending Mater Dolorosa School for the 2020-2021 school year.

_____ No, my child(ren) will not be attending Mater Dolorosa School for the 2020-2021 school year.

(If no, we ask that you schedule an exit interview with Mrs. Donelan)

_____ I will be paying in full by Aug. 15, 2020

_____ I will be paying through FACTS

_____ I will be paying the \$75.00 workbook/materials fee by Sept. 30, 2020

_____ I would like the \$75.00 workbook/materials fee included in first tuition payment through FACTS

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____