



**St. Margaret Mary**  
Catholic School

January 2025

Dear Parents,

The first half of the 2024-2025 school year has been a time of great accomplishment and growth in faith and learning for the students of St. Margaret Mary Catholic School. The year has been filled with engaging and fun learning, as well as special liturgies, spiritual opportunities, and community events. The true sense of a Catholic community is alive and well at St. Margaret Mary Catholic School.

While we are just more than halfway through the school year, planning is underway for the 2025-2026 school year. The school and parish Administration have worked in consultation with the parish Finance Committee and the Board of Education to develop the budget and tuition rates for the coming school year.

The Diocese of Orlando strives to keep Catholic school salaries and benefits competitive in order to attract and retain talented educators. They provide a scale for teacher salaries, allowing schools to pay within a given range of the salary scale. For the coming school year, St. Margaret Mary Catholic School will pay teachers 105% of the scale. Expenses, including salaries and related costs, at St. Margaret Mary are primarily paid through tuition and fees, and the parish also provides financial support. Additionally, we have a Teacher Endowment which provides funding for teacher salaries, while off-setting costs for families.

St. Margaret Mary Catholic School accepts the Florida Empowerment Scholarships—both the FES-EO and FES-UA scholarships. Approximately 98% of St. Margaret Mary Catholic School students in grades K-8 are currently receiving Florida Empowerment Scholarships.

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. The tuition and fee rate schedule for 2025-2026 has been posted. The tuition increase for 2025-2026 for registered, contributing parishioners at St. Margaret Mary Church is approximately 4% for grades K-8. The increase in tuition for Pre-K is approximately 2%.

When enrolling you will be asked to confirm your parishioner status, to ensure correct tuition rates. Families indicating "Yes, registered at SMM" should be Catholic families registered at St. Margaret Mary Parish who attend Mass regularly, contributing to the church Stewardship through the parish envelope system or on-line system, and be active participants in parish life. Mass attendance and stewardship participation are verified on a regular basis.

After seventy years of serving the St. Margaret Mary parish community, St. Margaret Mary Catholic School remains a strong parish school, steeped in gospel values and committed to academic excellence while nurturing the development of the whole child. Thank you for your continued support of St. Margaret Mary Catholic School and for choosing Catholic education, a gift that will last a lifetime, providing a solid foundation of faith and knowledge for students.

In Christ's peace,  
Mrs. Katie Walsh