



Dear Divine Mercy Academy Families,

We are very excited to share an update about the future of our diocesan elementary schools, including Divine Mercy Academy! Our diocesan schools are the beneficiaries of a major Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) donation. An anonymous donor has made a significant contribution dedicated entirely to financial assistance for families.

**Financial Assistance is available for everyone!**

With this new support, we are updating our funding model to ensure that every single family benefits from some form of financial aid in the 2026-2027 school year. In order to utilize this funding with our other sources of financial aid, we are moving to a model where **all families need to apply for financial aid.**

In our diocesan elementary schools, the full cost to educate one student is approximately \$9,900 per year. We call this the "cost-per-student." We understand that paying this amount would pose a hardship for many families. Therefore, we have created this new assistance model – to keep Catholic education affordable and accessible.

**How does this affect my family?**

- **All families must apply for financial aid** through FACTS for the 2026–2027 school year. Every family that applies through FACTS will receive financial assistance, even those who have not received EITC or other aid in the past.
- **What you will pay:** By applying through FACTS, many families will see a decrease in their payments. Other families will pay about what they paid last year.
- **Important Requirement:** Families who choose not to apply through FACTS will assume responsibility for the full cost-per-student amount.


**Next Step: Please complete your FACTS financial aid application by April 30, 2026.**

If you have questions or would like assistance with completing the application, please contact the school office. Our staff will gladly guide you through the process.


For additional information, please scan the QR code below or visit: [diopitt.org/affordable](https://diopitt.org/affordable)

We are grateful for the generosity that made this advancement possible and are excited to pass these benefits directly to you. May God bless you for your continued commitment to Catholic education.

With gratitude and joy,

  
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