KNOXVILLE-AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Stewardship/Parish Contribution Form for SY 2025-2026

Families must submit a completed Parish Affiliation Certification (bottom of this form) in order to receive the Catholic tuition rate.

Full Name of Child	Catholic School (both elementary and high school) Attending in Fall 2025	Grade in Fall 2025
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- <u>1.</u> <u>2.</u> <u>3.</u>
- 4.
- I/We have received and reviewed the tuition information for School Year 2025/2026. We understand that the tuition does not cover fees, books, supplies or uniforms. We accept our responsibility to be the first teachers of our child(ren). We commit them to the care of Knoxville-Area Catholic Schools in the cooperative venture of Catholic education.
- I/We realize that the tuition our family pays does not completely cover the cost of educating our child(ren) in the Knoxville-Area Catholic Schools for the 2025/2026 school year. As a result, we understand and are grateful that our parish pays a Standard Parish Contribution to the schools for our family through a contribution to the Knoxville Region Catholic Schools Operating Fund.
- I/We realize the Standard Parish Contribution is based on the number of children in our family attending Knoxville-Area Catholic Schools (1 – 3 child/ren = \$0, 4 or more children at one school = \$3,100, or 5 or more at two schools = \$3,100)
- I/We accept our call to be stewards of our resources and the resources of our parish and our school community and have considered our family's resources and the needs of our parish and school(s) in the light of our own stewardship.

I/ We therefore promise and pledge for the 2025/2026 school year (please read carefully and select only one option below):

- □ 1. We are willing and able to pay the Gross Catholic Tuition. We understand that we are asking our parish NOT TO PAY the Standard Parish Contribution to the school for our family (see amounts above).
- We are willing and able to pay the Net Catholic Tuition and we pledge to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Knoxville Region Catholic Schools Operating Fund in an amount equal to the total Standard Parish Contribution for our family (see amounts above).
- □ 3. We are willing and able to pay the Net Catholic Tuition and we pledge to make a **tax-deductible contribution** to the Knoxville Region Catholic Schools Operating Fund in the amount of \$_____.
- □ 4. We are willing and able to pay the Net Catholic Tuition. We understand that we are asking our parish TO PAY the Standard Parish Contribution to the school for our family (see amounts above).
- 5. We believe that we are unable to pay all of the Net Catholic Tuition. We request Supplemental Tuition Support in addition to the Standard Parish Contribution paid by our parish to the school for our family *(see amounts above)*.

(**NOTE**: If you selected Option 2 or 3, you will receive a pledge confirmation from your school office. Please send check(s) payable to **Diocese of Knoxville – KRCSOF** to your school office. You will receive acknowledgement of your **tax-deductible contribution**.)

METHOD OF PAYMENT: We would like to remit our payment in the following manner. *Please select only one option.*

- □ Single payment of tuition directly to each school. This payment must be received on or before the date designated by the school. A discount *may* be applied for this option. Discount applies to tuition only. Please note that fees and books may be included in amount due. If the single payment is not made by the designated date for the school, tuition must be paid through the school's electronic monthly payment plan.
- □ Monthly payment plan. Electronic bank draft of tuition each month. Please note that fees and books may be included in the monthly amount due.

*Note: Before registration can be completed, a Catholic family must have the Parish Affiliation Certification (bottom of this form) signed by your Pastor or his designee. This form must be completed by the published deadline in your school registration packet. Forms and instructions for requesting Supplemental Tuition Support are available from your parish or school business offices.

I/We agree to the stewardship promises made above and realize that failure to meet payments and/or change in parish status
may result in voiding this agreement and our being responsible for the entire amount of the Total Catholic Tuition.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Definition of "Catholic Child" according to Diocesan Policy #1150:

A Catholic child is defined as a child who has been baptized, is Catholic, and whose family regularly* attends Sunday Mass and actively supports the parish with time, talent, and treasure.

PARISH AFFILIATION CERTIFICATION

This portion must be signed by your Pastor or his designee:

______ Parish certifies that the _______ family is registered and are active members of the parish and meet/intend to meet all requirements of the Diocese of Knoxville for the Standard Parish Contribution and/or Supplemental Tuition Support from this parish. (If a family selected Option 1 above, this form must still be completed.)

Signature of the Pastor/Designee

Please send a copy of the completed form to 1) Elementary School Business Office 2) High School Business Office 3) Family 4) Knoxville Schools Fund 5) Parish

Date