



# *Parish of the Holy Spirit*

*Parish Tuition Assistance for Families of St. Joseph Regional School and*

*Our Lady of Mercy Academy*

*2025-2026 School Year*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

To assist parents who desire a Catholic education for their grade school children at St. Joseph Regional School and/or Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Keene, the Parish of the Holy Spirit has established a Tuition Assistance Program. This program is intended for families who are active, registered, and weekly Mass-attending parishioners of the Parish of the Holy Spirit. Our tuition assistance program is a needs-based assistance program and not a merit-based scholarship fund. This tuition assistance is possible because of the generosity of the parishioners of the Parish of the Holy Spirit and is funded by the parish's general offertory and various other fundraising initiatives such as the parish's Love for Life campaign and fundraising dinners. The pastor of the Parish of the Holy Spirit, as steward of the parish resources, is committed to helping those parishioners, with children in our Catholic schools, in need of tuition assistance as resources allow. Eligibility for the parish tuition assistance program is limited to active, registered, weekly Mass-attending parishioners of the Parish of the Holy Spirit.

Each year the pastor, with the assistance of the parish finance council, determines a fixed amount set aside exclusively for tuition assistance at St. Joseph Regional School and Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Keene. The set funds are divided into "units." Each unit represents a set dollar amount. Through this system we can establish an accurate number of units available and divide that into the total funds available to determine how much assistance each eligible family will receive. The application deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Only when the application time frame has passed, and the parish has reviewed the applications will units be allotted to each family.

It is essential that you apply within the provided time frame. We ask also that you apply for the various state programs available such as the Education Freedom Accounts (EFAs) and the Education Tax Credit Scholarships if you are eligible for those. Both programs are managed by the NH Children's Scholarship Fund ([nh.scharlshipfund.org](http://nh.scharlshipfund.org)). Information is available at St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Mercy Academy. Taking advantage of the state assistance available will help the Parish of the Holy Spirit assist as many families as possible.

Please find the attached application form and return to the:

Parish of the Holy Spirit  
Tuition Assistance Program  
173 Main St., Keene, NH 03431  
[holyspirit.peace@gmail.com](mailto:holyspirit.peace@gmail.com)  
603-352-3525

In Christ,

Rev. Alan Tremblay  
Pastor, Parish of the Holy Spirit



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## **Application Form**

**Application Deadline: May 15, 2025**

PARENT(S) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**A.** Parent(s)/ Guardian responsible for tuition: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

**B.** Dependents: List the number of dependent children who will attend a tuition charging school including daycare, Pre-K, elementary school, secondary school in the fall of 2025

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>School</u> (SJRS or OLMA)
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1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **C. Parish Information:**

Which parish do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a registered parishioner? y/n \_\_\_\_\_

Do you attend Mass weekly? y/n \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children enrolled in Faith Formation? y/n \_\_\_\_\_

If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

## **D. Please answer the following as a brief **separate** document and submit with application:**

- a. Please indicate any other Tuition Assistance you have applied for.
- b. How much other assistance have you received?
- c. Have you applied for Education Freedom Accounts (EFA's)?
- d. Have you applied for the Education Tax Credit Scholarship?

## **E. Please describe your family circumstances and need for financial assistance from the parish. The funding for this assistance comes from direct donations from parishioners in the form of the weekly Mass collection, therefore; we must determine need to steward the parish generosity.**