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Dear Catholic School Parents:

I want to commend you for your efforts to reinforce what you teach your child(ren) at home by providing them with a formal Catholic education. I know from personal experience that it often comes at a great financial sacrifice. My parents put my four older sisters, my two younger brothers, and me through Catholic schools, K-12. When I was in high school, my mother got recertified as a nurse to pay back Msgr. Rowland when he generously picked up my tuition bill at Cardinal Newman High School. That, in itself, was an education for me of faith and love by both my parish priest and parents. Remember, your efforts to instill the faith can never be replaced by a Catholic school or parish experience without grave consequences. You are the primary educators of your children. The apple generally does not fall far from the tree.

To be a good steward of the parish's financial resources, it's important that I be able to verify your active participation in the life of our parish.

How do we define active participation at Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Catholic Church?

1. Officially registered in the parish
2. Faithful attendance to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days at our parish unless traveling; *if, for your livelihood, you must work on Saturday evening and Sunday and cannot attend one of our 4 Masses, then I can discuss granting you a dispensation to attend a weekday Mass instead.*
3. Financially contributing to the parish – the biblical principle is to tithe (give at least 10%) of your income to charities (usually half to your parish and the other half to your choosing). If this is difficult or impossible because of significant debt beyond a mortgage, then start by counting your Catholic school tuition towards the 10%. Giving by check, envelope, or online \$10 weekly (less than what a fast-food meal costs today) is a good place to start, if you haven't.
4. Participation in a ministry (liturgical, social, etc.), helping with various parish events, or providing some other service makes our elderly smile and our community more vibrant.

Verso l'alto – Towards the heights!

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