



Queen of Peace Church

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Dear Parents and Guardians

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You have chosen to send your child/children to Good Shepherd Catholic School. The members of **Queen of Peace** Parish Council and Finance Committee congratulate you for continuing the history of parochial schools started by Bishop John Neumann in the 1850's here in the Philadelphia. As you know, your child/children are receiving many of the benefits usually reserved for private academies, viz. small class size, a dedicated professional faculty and staff as-well-as ancillary services, without the high tuition of an academy.

We recognize that for some of you tuition can be a challenge and a large sacrifice. We want you to know that *you are not alone*. Every practicing member of Queen of Peace Faith Community has been and are quietly behind the scenes supporting you; spiritually, emotionally, and financially. Whatever the event or enterprise, the Faithful of Queen of Peace have supported you. We provide Confessions for your children on a periodic basis. We provide Mass for your children monthly. We attend the Passion Play and other spiritual programs. We support your socials, raffles, car washes, etc. More specifically, in the last five years the Faithful of Queen of Peace has subsidized GSC with contributions totaling over One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000 +). Regardless of your affiliation with Queen of Peace, every child from K thru 8th grade has directly benefitted from the sacrifice of the people of Queen of Peace.

The people who support your child's education at GSC include senior citizens on fixed incomes, people who never had children, parents who have children in a public school or who are "home schooled." Each of these individuals and families are helping support your child's education by their financial contributions to their parish. Even though GSC has a "Limited Board of Jurisdiction" GSC cannot operate without the support of all the contributing parishioners of Queen of Peace.

Even before the pandemic Mass attendance has decreased. Approximately 25% of the 2,350 registered families attend Mass and receive the Sacraments. Even though the financial support for the parish has been affected due to the impact of the pandemic on families and our economic downturn, we are renewing our Spiritual and financial support to GSC. In addition, we will also be spending over Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000 +) for the infrastructure of the school viz. a new roof and a new heating system. The people of Queen of Peace Faith Community are willing to make this sacrifice for the benefit and future of your children; however, we need your assistance in order sustain this commitment to quality catholic education. Whatever you can do to increase your level of service, dedication and financial support to GSC will ensure the legacy of Parochial Schools which your family now enjoys.

In the Peace of Christ,

The Parish Council and Finance Committee of Queen of Peace

Rev. Lawrence F. Crehan, Pastor