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Dear Pastors,

Catholic schools not only offer a superior education, but a wonderful opportunity to evangelize, catechize, and form future Catholic leaders. While respecting that the doors of Catholic schools are open to all, it is important to encourage and support devout and active parishioners in choosing a Catholic education.

For this reason, the St. Bernadette Catholic School Region, comprising of Regina Coeli, St. Peter's, Holy Trinity, St. Mary's Wappingers Falls, St. Denis-St. Columba, and St. Mary Fishkill, offers subsidies to those families who are active parishioners.

Pastors know their flock best, and so, we ask that you make the determination of who would be considered active parishioners. You may use whatever criteria (Mass attendance, weekly contribution amounts, etc.) you deem best for determining parishioner status. However, we must insist that one prerequisite for eligibility for this subsidy is that the family has parishioner status in your church for at least 6 months. Respecting the sacrifices all our parishioners make in supporting Catholic education, please only approve subsidies for those who are truly members of your parish.

Peace in Christ,

Board of Trustees, St. Bernadette Catholic School Region



**Pastor Approval Form for Catholic School Parish Subsidized Rate**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, recognize that \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor's Name Student's Name

and his/her family are members in good standing of \_\_\_\_\_

Church and have been for at least 6 months. Because the members of this family are active parishioners, I approve that part of the funds our parish contributes to Catholic Schools in the St. Bernadette Region be used in providing a tuition subsidy for this family.

Signature of Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Affix parish seal here