

Dear Parents,

The St. Rose faculty and I are so grateful for all the time and effort you have provided to your children during these unprecedented school closures. We appreciate the efforts of all members of our school community as, together, we navigate a very challenging situation that is being played out in schools all across the nation.

Some of you have asked about tuition reduction in light of our campus closure. We are here working every day. The teachers and staff continue to work full time, or more, to adapt to this trying situation and provide distance learning to your children. The Bishop has asked us to maintain our personnel rather than lay off. We believe this is a matter of Catholic social justice and is what is best for the future economy of Sonoma County. For now, our payroll and other operating expenses remain the same. Every year to pay those operating expenses, we are bound by a carefully thought out budget that depends largely on tuition. To keep the school operating into the future, we need to maintain the tuition levels for which you contracted. So, we don't plan to make adjustments to tuition across the board for this school year.

We truly appreciate the vote of confidence in St. Rose that was evident in the timely return of your 2020-21 tuition contracts and payment of the April registration fees.

We understand that some of our families are currently experiencing serious financial hardship. Tuition assistance at St Rose continues to be based on need. We want to reiterate that if your family has encountered financial hardship due to circumstances surrounding COVID-19, we will do everything we can to help you. We will look at each family's situation and try to find solutions on a case by case basis. You can begin this process by contacting Anne Devlin at 545-3203 or strosebusiness@sonic.net.

Sincerely,

Kathy Ryan, Anne Devlin, and the St. Rose Finance Committee