



Parish Participation Requirements for the St. Mary Academy Discount Voucher

Thank you for recognizing the importance of passing on and celebrating our Catholic faith with your child. St. Mary Academy is ready to support you through the Parish Participation Voucher for your family.

The Parish Participation Voucher provides preferential consideration during the Admissions process and a tuition subsidy. The pastor is asked to ensure that each family benefiting from the reduced tuition is actively engaged in their parish community.

Eligibility:

To be eligible to receive the Parish Participation Voucher, a family must be “Participating Catholics.” Families with St. Mary Academy students must meet the following "actively engaged" requirements the sending parish:

- A family must be registered at St. Mary’s Parish (Barnegat), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Whiting), St. Pius X (Forked River), St. Francis (Brant Beach), or St. Theresa (Little Egg Harbor) for **at least six months** before requesting a Parish Participation Voucher from the parish office.
- Each student seeking the Parish Participation Voucher must be baptized as a Catholic.
- During a sacrament year, the student must participate in an appropriate sacrament preparation class at the school and the sending parish.
- Each family, including the student receiving the Parish Participation Voucher, must participate regularly in the Sunday Mass.
- Each family, to the extent possible, should financially support their registered parish in excess of the parish subsidy. This will be verified by envelope contributions at weekly Masses or online electronic donations.
- Each family should participate in parish ministries and activities by sharing your time and talent by volunteering at PTA events and supporting parish events.

Families who fulfill the criteria as Participating Catholics receive a tuition discount of up to \$500 per child, per school year.

Families that are active in their parish life and meet Stewardship expectations often have a richer and more satisfying relationship with their school and parish, strengthen a family’s spiritual growth, and enhance their sense of Catholic discipleship. We hope your family will find ways to engage with our faith community at St. Mary Academy.