



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Active Parishioner Guidelines

At IHM School, we pride ourselves on fostering a Christ-centered, family atmosphere. Our administration works with our families to meet the needs of every student, and we strive to maintain affordable tuition rates for all families. Our IHM Parish invests generously to provide a Catholic educational program for our community, *so our parishioner tuition rate is actually lower than our cost per student.* That parish investment in our school is possible because our parishioners support our ministries with their tax-deductible gifts.

To be considered an Active IHM Parishioner to obtain the parishioner tuition rate and application priority, the guidelines as defined below, must be met for a family to qualify.

- **Registered as an IHM family** – The Parish office maintains our parishioner records, so you must be officially registered in our parish system. Please use this link to do so: [Join Our Parish - IHM Indianapolis](#)
- **Regular Mass attendance** – Parishioners are expected to attend Mass for Sunday each week.
- **Sharing time and talent in ministry at IHM** – Demonstration of consistent involvement in parish and/or school opportunities. A list of parish volunteer opportunities can be found here: [IHM Volunteer Opportunities](#)
- **Regular and appropriate stewardship contributions to IHM** – The parish business office manages all stewardship contributions to IHM and our school tuition program. Because of the generous investment our IHM Parish makes to provide a Catholic educational program for our community, our parishioner tuition rate (\$6,677 for 2025-26 school year) is substantially lower than our cost per student (approximately \$10,000). That parish investment in our school of approximately \$3,000 per parish child is possible because our parishioners support our ministries with their tax-deductible gifts. We suggest that a working family should make regular tax-deductible contributions to IHM Parish totalling at least \$1,000.00 annually to help offset this parish investment in the school. This amount represents approximately half of the average annual giving level of all contributing parishioners at IHM. To begin sharing your tax-deductible gifts to IHM, please use this link: [Online Giving – EFT - IHM Indianapolis](#)
- **Commitment to our broader IHM Church through participating in periodic capital campaigns** – Specific fundraising campaigns are initiated from time to time to sustain our facilities and programs, and participation in these campaigns is required to qualify for active parishioner status.
- **Support of the shared ministries of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis** through an annual gift or pledge of any amount to the United Catholic Appeal that supports care for retired priests and for the poor, the formation of new priests, and youth/young adult programming: <https://www.acrossthearch.org/uca/give-now-form>

Please know that we understand that individual circumstances may limit a family's ability to participate fully in these guidelines for qualification as active parishioner status. Consideration will be given in these circumstances, but such consideration **must be requested**, so please contact our Director of Finance and Administration or the pastor in our parish office at 317-257-2266.

Your status as active parishioner or inactive parishioner will impact the priority of placement for school applicants and your school tuition rates. Active Parishioner Status entitles school families to pay a lower tuition rate than inactive parishioners. If, after an evaluation is completed, and it is determined that your family has not met the guidelines, a letter will be sent informing you of your inactive parishioner status. At that time, unless you have previously contacted our pastor, the tuition for your children would reflect inactive status.