

## **FUNDRAISING COMMITMENT 2010-2011**

In the Diocese of Joliet, each school is required to offer families some fundraising opportunities as a part of the cost-to-educate plan. All Saints Catholic Academy works hard to keep fundraising at a minimum and does not foster the concept of children making solicitations for their school. We will offer each family an opportunity to meet their fundraising commitment in these ways, as outlined below. I understand that there may be other fundraisers at the school that do not qualify for fundraising obligation credit but assist the school operating budget.

**Saints in Service (Helpathon)** – Saints in Service will occur in the Fall and offers an opportunity for our children to provide service to the community and raise money for the school. Families obtain pledges from family and friends for their Saints in Service project (conducted during school hours).

**Auction Donations** – Our Dinner Dance Auction will be held on March 12, 2011. Families may donate auction items and apply the profit on that item toward their fundraising commitment. **This is the only way that you can earn credit at the auction.** Ideas for donations will be listed in the weekly newsletter. A limit is placed on the number of items that can be donated. A more detailed explanation of acceptable items will be distributed in the fall when auction items are solicited.

**Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Sale** - We will have a fall fundraiser selling wrapping paper, chocolates, and other gift items. This fundraiser will begin in September and conclude in early November. Only items purchased during the exact designated time period through EZ order will be credited. 50% of the purchase will be credited to your fundraising obligation. Internet orders from family and friends can also be credited at a rate of 40%, but only if the form is completed and turned in to the office by the deadline. More detailed information will be available in September.

**Market Day** - Market Day is a monthly food program where you can earn 10% of your pre-tax purchase price toward your fundraising obligation. In addition, there are two-three special sales as part of the monthly program that have increased markups, such as the pie sales in the fall. (March 2010-February 2011)

**SCRIP** – We offer families a weekly opportunity to purchase gift cards and certificates for local restaurants, gas stations, stores, and travel services. A percentage of the purchase offered by these retailers, etc. (typically 3%-6%) will apply toward the fundraising commitment. Families will receive credit for the 2010-2011 fundraising obligation for all orders placed from March 16, 2010 through March 14, 2011. Orders received after

March 14<sup>th</sup> will be credited toward the 2011-2012 fundraising obligation.

SCRIP is the last fundraising amount applied to your fundraising obligation. All other fundraising credits (gift wrap, market day, auction donation sales and Saints in Service Helpathon are applied first). **SCRIP is the only fundraiser that allows you to earn tuition credit.** After all other fundraising credits are applied to your obligation, SCRIP is then applied. Any remaining SCRIP rebate is divided in  $\frac{1}{2}$ , with 50% of the remaining amount going to a tuition credit for the following year (2011-2012 school year), and 50% of the remaining amount going to the school operating budget.

**Payment** – Some parents feel most comfortable writing a check to cover the commitment. Do not send a check in as a donation. It cannot be credited as both a donation and as a method to meet your fundraising obligation. If you do so, please make sure that it is a separate check and properly noted "Fundraising Obligation" in the memo section on the check.

**The fundraising commitment must be completed by April 1, 2011.**

**Family: \_\_\_\_\_ 2010-2011 Amount \_\_\_\_\_**

I have read and understand my family fundraising commitment and am aware of the ways in which I might raise money to meet this commitment. I understand that there may be other fundraisers at the school that do not qualify for fundraising obligation credit but are credited to the school operating budget, per Diocesan guidelines. I understand that unpaid fundraising obligations will be converted to tuition and may delay registration for the next school year.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_