

# **ADMISSION GUIDELINES for Catholic Schools**

**THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WICHITA** is blessed to be able to provide tuition free education to those families dedicated to the Church's mission. Living the Stewardship Way of Life (time, talent and treasure) should be the sole criteria by which a family's children are admitted to our schools.

**STEWARDSHIP** is not solely a giving of financial resources; it is giving of oneself, as a thanksgiving to God for all that He has given to us. The resources collected by the Church are brought together to carry out our many missions, one of which is to education children in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ.

## **Religious and Stewardship Requirements for Admittance:**

- Parishioners must be active in the life of the parish as faithful stewards.
- There must be a current *Stewardship Commitment of Time, Talent and Treasure* on file at the Parish Office.
- Review enrollment status on the basis of active stewardship. Consider attendance at Sunday Mass, regular participation in the sacraments, participation in religious education, service to parish ministries and public support for church teaching, as well as making and keeping a good faith tithing pledge.
- Newly registered parishioners will be considered based upon their history of time, talent and treasure at their previous parish. They must complete the Stewardship Forms and a Parish Stewardship Commitment (only needed for high school students attending Bishop Carroll or KMC).

## **When all of the above guidelines are met, the following is the order in which students will be approved for admission:**

### **St. Peter's parishioners with children already attending St. Peter's Catholic School. (Preschool enrollment does not automatically hold a place in Kindergarten)**

- I. St. Peter's parishioners with children already on the waiting list for St. Peter's Catholic School.
- II. St. Peter's parishioners who do not have children attending St. Peter's Catholic School or receiving parish support at another Catholic School.
- III. Catholics from other parishes, who practice good stewardship.
- IV. Non-Catholics.

Students who are receiving financial assistance at another Catholic school must return to St. Peter School when classroom space becomes available at the end of the semester (mid-term), or the next school year. Otherwise, financial assistance may no longer be provided. Families will not be required to split children between schools. Space must be available for each student before the family is asked to return. Students who qualify for off-site financial assistance because of lack of space at St. Peter's Catholic School must attend Catholic schools that reciprocate with St. Peter's.

The pastor and a member of the Finance and Stewardship Committees will monitor this process.

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