## **2024-25 Blackbaud Financial Aid Applications**

Families wishing to apply for scholarships for the 2024-25 school year will need to complete the Blackbaud Financial Aid Application. Applications are open for families on October 15, 2023. Parent instructions are attached. The application and supporting document deadline for round one is December 3, 2023. The application fee is \$30.00. Families are encouraged to apply early, but other rounds of financial aid will be available in the spring until Bishop Scholarship funds are exhausted.

Any and all scholarships are awarded to families that have submitted a Blackbaud Application and meet scholarship requirements, which are: (1) be a parishioner in the Diocese of Grand Rapids (2) show real need, and (3) register your students in grades K-12 (no preschool) at St. Patrick School. Scholarships are reviewed and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to eligible families. Even if your family does not qualify for the Bishop Scholarship from the diocese, your application through Blackbaud is needed for the school to award aid through the Former Pastor's Scholarship Endowment Fund. Please note that if you currently have a student in preschool and complete the application for 2024-25 expecting they will be in kindergarten next year, but they actually attend another year in preschool rather than kindergarten, the award will not be applied to your account. The awards are only eligible for students in grades kindergarten through 12 for the current year.

Family information from the 2023-24 school year was rolled over and is available in Blackbaud. If you applied last year and use the same email and password, this part of the application does not have to be filled out again. However, please be sure to review your family's data to ensure it is correct for the upcoming school year. This is especially important if your income has changed.

This information can also be found on the school website under Prospective Families, Tuition/Scholarships.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 517-647-7551 or the business office at 517-647-6505, ext 413.

Sincerely, LuAnn Kinsman Administrative Assistant