



MARY HELP of CHRISTIANS ACADEMY

Educating and Empowering Young Women Since 1941

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing Mary Help of Christians Academy to provide a quality Salesian, Catholic college preparatory education for your daughter. MHC Academy is the high school of choice for young women that empowers and educates for career success and faith-filled leadership.

In a national survey of girls' school alumnae, 93 percent of girls' school graduates say they were "offered greater leadership opportunities than peers at co-ed schools." At MHC Academy, our young women are not only told that they are capable of anything, but they actually fill every role in student government, they excel in all academic areas, including STEM related curricula, they sing every solo in the school concert, they shine at academic competitions, and sporting events. They are called to discover who they are, to embrace their gifts and talents, and to use them as leaders in their faith and in society.

I know that it is for these reasons that you make great sacrifices to provide your daughter with the best values-added education possible. We, here at the Academy, have spent hours carefully assessing our programs, personnel, tuition cost, Salesian Sisters' investment in the school, and the fundraising efforts of our Development Office, the Dames of Mary Help, and our PTG. While the irreplaceable gift of Catholic education becomes more and more unreachable for many families, we remain committed to keeping Catholic education affordable, and we can do so in large part because of your commitment, as well as the commitment of our Salesian Sisters' Province.

I would like to announce that our 2020-2021 tuition rate is \$12,500.

I know that all of you have made a choice to provide your daughter with the finest Catholic education available, and we thank you for choosing Mary Help of Christians Academy. Educating and empowering your daughter for career success and leadership by providing a rigorous college preparatory program in a faith-filled Salesian family environment, is our commitment to you, and is an investment in your daughter's future that won't disappoint. Imagine, investing \$11.60* an hour and gifting your child with a quality, Catholic education that will last a lifetime!

You will receive an email with a link for completing your registration online. Please verify that all prepopulated information is correct and make the necessary changes. Along with this letter, you have received a "B6T Application for Private School Transportation" which must be returned as soon as possible. If you are interested in participating in Mary Help's private transportation program (an

*Based on 2020-2021 tuition rate.

additional cost of \$275 per month), please indicate so in your online registration. Expressing interest in this service does not obligate you to participate. Detailed information regarding routes will be provided at a later date.

Timeline

Take advantage of priority re-registration and save \$100 per student. The priority re-registration period opens on Monday, January 27, 2020, and closes on Friday, February 21, 2020. During this time, you can take advantage of a discounted registration fee of \$300. After that date, the re-registration fee is \$400. It is imperative that we receive your re-registration materials as soon as possible since staffing, scheduling and programming decisions are made in February, based on projected enrollment. **A student is not considered registered until all paperwork and fees have been collected. Likewise, students' course selections and financial aid decisions will only be made for registered students.**

Scholarships

An application form for the numerous scholarships and grants offered by Mary Help of Christians Academy is available on our website. **Registered students** who meet the criteria for any of these scholarship opportunities are invited to apply. **All applications are due by Friday, February 14, 2020.**

Salesian Scholars (Formerly Merit Scholars) Awards are renewable for students who have maintained both the attendance and academic standards required.

Financial Assistance

Any family currently receiving financial assistance, or who believe they may be eligible for financial aid, may apply for grants from MHC Academy and/or the Tri-County Scholarship Fund, online at <http://online.factsmgt.com/aid> . Families currently receiving financial assistance from Mary Help, the Diocese of Paterson Education Fund, or Tri-County, including Freedom Scholars, **must re-apply** each year. Families residing in Passaic, Morris or Sussex County **must** seek assistance from the Tri-County Fund before requesting direct assistance from Mary Help of Christians Academy. **This year's deadline for the Tri-County Fund is Saturday, February 15, 2020.**

Thank you for all you continue to do to make MHC Academy a place where young women prepare for college and the workplace with a life-long commitment to faith, education, leadership and service.

God bless!

Sr. Marisa DeRose, FMA
Head of School