

St. Pius X School
348 Dudley Rd.
Edgewood, Ky 41017

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Dear Parents,

Each year the costs of providing your children with the excellent education they deserve continue to rise. It takes more and more funding to furnish quality teachers, outstanding programs, and up-to-date equipment and materials.

Tuition payments no longer come close to covering our yearly budget, and the parish can only contribute so much. As you know, each year our school family must find additional ways of funding school expenses. Wouldn't you enjoy a little relief from this chore?

We have the opportunity to participate in the Catholic Order of Foresters Pathways Program of funding for Catholic schools. This unique program offers our school a way of earning extra funds and your children a way to begin preparing for their financial future!

With an annual outlay of only \$25.00 each, you may purchase a Catholic Order of Foresters First Vantage starter insurance policy. When you do, The Pathways Program of Catholic Order of Foresters will give our school or religious education program \$25.00 donation for each new member policy issued. Your child will become a member of the Foresters, be eligible to apply for member benefits such as college scholarships, educational awards, student loans, orphan benefits, and opportunities to participate in photo and poster contests.

Will you help us to better educate your child? Simply fill out the application attached to the brochure enclosed in this packet. Return each completed application with a \$25.00 check, made payable to the Catholic Order of Foresters, to the school office.

Thank you for your help and support!

Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Trenkamp, Principal

Fr. Tom Robbins, Pastor

Learn more about the Catholic Order of Foresters and what they can do for St. Pius X School and Parish....

The Foresters is a century old not for profit fraternal benefit society dating back to a time when taking care of one another was a necessity.

The word "fraternal" means brotherhood and friendship-and that's what Catholic Order of Foresters is all about. It's about people helping people, bonding together for mutual support-loving and serving God by giving our physical, financial, and spiritual resources to make a difference.

Forester members form a fraternal network called a "court". Through local courts, member volunteers have the opportunity to support Catholic and community causes. Our successful Matching Funds Program of charitable giving allows courts to raise money for our parish, our school, and our community.

Among the unique characteristics of COF, one of the best is the ongoing financial support of school programs and youth ministry. COF desires youth to grow in our Catholic faith. Funds are made available for our court to financially support youth activities which promote positive Catholic activities whether social, spiritual, or charitable.

As our youth become members of COF, they become eligible for unique fraternal benefits. Benefits include eligibility for scholarships grades K-12 (for both Catholic schools and CCD) as well as four year college scholarships.

Ongoing financial support is based on number of adult and youth members enrolled in the court as well as member participation. It is important for each family to consider becoming a member(s) of the Catholic Order of Foresters. ><

Check us out on the our web page at www.catholicforester.org or call **Chris Dillon** at 746-9110

The Catholic Order of Forester began it's commitment to caring in 1883 at Holy Family Parish in Chicago, Illinois. At that time, impoverished immigrants were streaming into the United States, seeking a better life. When tragedy struck and families lost their breadwinner, friends and neighbors typically collected money for burial expenses. Widows and orphans had to depend on the charity of the Church and neighbors.

Those making the burial collections gradually formed associations, usually based on common religious or ethnic backgrounds. These societies became focal points for the community life. With Archbishop Patrick Feehan's approval, the Catholic Order of Foresters grew from this foundation and, for more than a century, has helped thousands of people, families, and parishes and communities in need.

