



Church of the Holy Family

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Dear Holy Family Academy Parents,

Our staff recently did a review of the 2012-2013 meal requirements for the federal free and reduced hot lunch program. In so doing, they concluded that the program was becoming too restrictive and moving in a direction we are unsure is in the best interest of our growing children's health. Additionally, progressive changes in the program will require excessive staff hours documenting and recording required information; time that we feel would be better used creatively preparing nutritious meals for our students.

Thus we have come to the conclusion that we will excuse ourselves from this federal program. That being said, the same evaluation criteria will be used to determine which students are in need of reduced or free lunches. We will subsidize these meals ourselves rather than rely on the government to do so— a good example of the Catholic principle of subsidiarity. Our parish's "Care Fund" will help us provide free or reduced meals to students in need. I have no doubt that our parishioners' generosity will provide everything required for our independence from this federal program.

God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Joseph R. Johnson
Pastor