

What is Project H.O.P.E.?

Project H.O.P.E. (Help Our Parish Economically) earns extra money for St. Mary's through the sale of gift cards. The way the program works is simple: we buy gift cards at a discount, and then sell them at face value. Different vendors rebate different percentages. For example, Don & Millie's provides a 20% discount. We pay \$8 for a \$10 gift card, then sell it for \$10, thus generating a profit of \$2. We have gift cards for grocery stores, gas stations, and restaurants. In fact, we can get these gift cards for just about anything! For more vendors, go to www.glscrip.com. Gift cards are sold after every Mass (with the exception of 12:30 Sunday), at Religious Education, and at St. Mary's School. It's a great way to earn tuition rebates and to "donate" to the Parish – it costs you nothing extra!! THANK YOU in advance for supporting Project H.O.P.E.

How is the Project H.O.P.E. Rebate Credited to Tuition Accounts?

Linda Buckley (Coordinator) forwards weekly Project H.O.P.E. sales to the business office every Monday morning. The business office creates a weekly report tracking this information.

At the end of every accounting year (at St. Mary's, that's the end of June), we tally up each family's total Project H.O.P.E. gift cards sales from the previous 12 months. School families that have purchased less than \$1,000 worth of gift cards a year receive no rebate. School families that have purchased over \$1,000 receive 2% percent rebate *of the total amount sold* towards their next year's tuition. This rebate credited at registration.

Buying Project H.O.P.E. gift cards can make a real difference in tuition – one family received over \$1,000 in tuition rebates. In addition, if you work on the Project H.O.P.E. program, you can earn service hours. Participation does pay!

If you have any questions – or would like to volunteer to help - please contact one of the coordinators.

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