Students,

As we mark the Sixtieth Anniversary of Holy Family University, there are many achievements which make us proud. We have added new campuses, expanded our facilities, broadened our programs, attracted talented educators and administrators, and continually offered our students state-of-the art technologies, enhancing the teaching and learning environment.

In the midst of these accomplishments, one of the many noteworthy attributes of this wonderful university is that we have kept tuition at levels which are comparatively low within private higher education, and within reach of families for whom the quality of private higher education is a priority within a tight budget. We are gratified to know that we have prepared thousands of alumni in their pursuit of a more fulfilling life, many of whom otherwise would not have been able to obtain a degree from a private, Catholic university. We also know that a vast majority of our graduates have become successfully employed in their areas of study.

The Board of Trustees of Holy Family University has led efforts to ensure a superior education at a reasonable price. They believe that this is not only a service, but a responsibility we owe our students. However, in order to keep pace with market demands and to ensure a high-quality education, the trustees have found it necessary to make a modest increase in the tuition level for the academic year 2014-15. Even with this modest increase, Holy Family University’s tuition rate remains one of the lowest among competing institutions. The revised list of tuition and fees for 2014-15 follows this letter.

All of us at Holy Family University are aware that paying for your education involves great sacrifices and we want you to know that we will continue to work hard to spend carefully and to maintain our fiscal integrity. We also want you to know that we are constantly advocating for you before federal, state, and local leaders in support of student financial aid initiatives.

In fact, it happens to be a critical time right now for federal and state funding of student financial aid as lawmakers are reconsidering program funding levels. You can help make a difference by contacting your local, state and federal representatives to urge them to back legislation that helps students afford higher education.

At the federal level, you should ask your members of Congress to back increases in grants, Federal Work Study programs, Title III funding, etc. On the state level, you should show your support for greater PHEAA grants and a new MISPRA proposal, which helps middle-income families. If you want more information about what you can do to show your support for these measures, I invite you to contact or visit my office.

Our greatest treasure is the strength and accomplishments of our students and graduates. You are the value of Holy Family! I am most grateful for you and your families and I look forward to the many anniversaries ahead!

May God continue to bless you in all your endeavors.

Sincerely,

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