

Dear Parents,

As you know, last year we attempted a new financial model for Extreme Faith Camp (EFC). We hosted a series of fundraisers and invited all campers to try and raise as much money as possible towards their cost of camp registration. This new model was an attempt to make camp more affordable, both for you as parents and the parish cluster. I'm pleased to announce this new fundraising model was extremely successful!

45% of those campers who attended EFC in 2024 were able to fundraise their entire cost. The remainder raised a significant portion. The average amount each camper had to pay last year was only \$52.55.

We're going to continue to use the same model this year. Both parishes will host a series of fundraisers, starting in January. Each fundraiser you volunteer at, you will receive a portion of the proceeds towards your EFC registration cost. The cost of camp this year is \$550 per Middle School camper and \$515 per Highschool leader. We will still require the \$100 downpayment to reserve your spot, but you are welcome to fundraise as much of the rest as possible.

I have confidence that anyone who wants to will be able to raise at least a good portion of their cost. I encourage you not to let the initial cost deter you from signing up. Extreme Faith Camp is an amazing experience, and well worth it.

Our first fundraiser will be the Spaghetti Dinner at St. Thomas on January 11. We will need a lot of help with this event! Please contact me to sign up for any of our fundraisers this year. If you still need financial assistance, don't hesitate to ask. Scholarships are available. As I said last year, I don't ever want finances to be a reason not to attend camp!

Sincerely,

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