



## Good-bye SCRIP, Hello TRIP!

The new TRIP program will begin on July 1, 2010, for the 2010 – 2011 school year. You will see a full explanation at the OLV website: [www.ourladyofthevalleyregional.com](http://www.ourladyofthevalleyregional.com), Parent Resources then Parent's Guild. In the SCRIP program, OLV purchased gift and merchandise certificates (SCRIP cards) at a discount, and you purchased them for face-value. The difference between the discount rate and the face-value added to the Parents' Guild resources. Through TRIP, when you purchase the gift and merchandise certificates at face-value the discount, or rebate, goes to you! Twice a year the discount (accumulated rebates) is *paid back to the family* to apply toward tuition, or to use in any way they choose. (Our Lady of the Valley Regional School *does not* apply the rebates to the family's tuition.) It's a great way to earn some (or all!) of the tuition back!

Because TRIP is a substantially different program than SCRIP, it's like starting over again! With SCRIP, a steady inventory was kept; with TRIP there will only be a *very* limited inventory of Shaw's, Hannaford and Wal-Mart cards. Based on feedback, more vendors may be added to the inventory. As with the SCRIP inventory, the TRIP inventory will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Orders will be placed weekly; we will all need to do some planning to truly take advantage of the earning potential in TRIP. Many formats from many schools were researched, and a great deal of information gathered. What you will see on the website is a program that has been customized to fit the needs of the OLV community. As with all new things, there are certain to be some glitches now and then. We ask for your patience as we work out the bugs. We also ask for your suggestions and feedback as we begin this new venture!

There is a lot of information so please take the time to carefully look over the TRIP Policies & Procedures on the school website. Even if you are not sure you want to participate in TRIP, we recommend you fill out the registration form just so you are in the system. There is no cost to you for signing-up, and it gives you the flexibility to jump in at any time. Though this is a "rolling registration," your registration form must be turned in before July 1<sup>st</sup> if you want to begin making your TRIP purchases. If you have any questions please contact Mary Lou Verla ([minyma@charter.net](mailto:minyma@charter.net)) or Kathy Tonry ([pktonry@verizon.net](mailto:pktonry@verizon.net)).