

**DIOCESE OF ERIE
CATHOLIC MISSION
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

As a parent/guardian of a student in a Catholic School, I understand, affirm and support the following:

1. The primary purpose of a Catholic school education is to form students in the values of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church.
2. Catholic schools are distinctive religious educational institutions operated as programs of the Catholic Church; they are not private schools but are administered and supported by the sponsoring parish(es), the diocese or religious community.
3. Attending a Catholic school is a privilege not a right.
4. While academic excellence and involvement in extracurricular activities (i.e., sports, clubs, etc.) are important, fidelity to the Catholic identity of the school is the fundamental priority.
5. The school and its administration have the responsibility to ensure that Catholic values and moral integrity permeate every facet of the school's life and activity.
6. In all questions involving faith, morals, faith teaching and Church law, the final determination rests with the diocesan Bishop.

As a parent/guardian desiring to enroll my child in a Catholic school, I accept this memorandum of understanding. I pledge support for the Catholic identity and mission of this school and, by enrolling my child, I commit myself to uphold all the principles and policies that govern a Catholic school.

Father:

Mother:

Guardian:

Printed

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Signature

Signature

Signature

Student's Name (please print):

School:

Date: _____

THIS FORM IS TO BE INCLUDED WITH EACH CHILD'S PERMANENT RECORD FOLDER AND UPDATED ANNUALLY AT THE START OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR.