



DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE
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Catholic School – Family Covenant Agreement



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We ask for faculty and staff, parents, and students to strive for the highest standards in all that we do. In celebration and in unity as a community of Catholic schools, the commitments below are shared across all our schools in the Diocese of Charlotte.

It is our hope that this covenant relationship will be characterized by mutual care and generosity for the growth of all.



As a Catholic School, we pledge to...

- Work in collaboration with our families towards the mission and respond with joy to the vocational call to serve as Christian witnesses to your child(ren).
- Recognize that each family is a part of the life of the school, and every student is known to be beloved by God and universally called to a life of holiness.
- Offer an excellent, Catholic educational program that provides the fundamentals for student academic success, and moves them towards the Good, the True and the Beautiful.
- Support the intrinsic dignity and worth of each unique student and seek to provide accessible pathways and resources for all learners.
- Provide an environment where every student can pursue excellence regardless of their faith background, socio-economic status, or ethnicity.
- Provide a Catholic formation that is focused on a supernatural vision, founded on Christian anthropology, animated by communion and community, imbued with a Catholic worldview, and sustained by Gospel witness. <https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/education/philosophy-of-education/five-essential-marks-of-catholic-schools.html> **As an outside site, we cannot vouch for everything on this site outside of this article.*
- Provide, regular and open communication.
- Provide hospitable, beautiful, well-resourced, and secure facilities that prioritize the safety and health of your child(ren).
- Provide regular access to Mass and the other sacraments.
- Educate children in the virtues and form them to be intentional disciples of Christ.
- Provide Faculty and Staff who model Gospel values in their interactions, communication, and presence.
- Maintain a future-focused, strategic vision that is grounded in our Catholic intellectual tradition.
- Maintain fidelity to the Mission and Vision of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Charlotte as led by our Diocesan leadership.



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As a family we...

- Commit to be involved in our child(ren)'s academic efforts, which includes checking grades and homework.
- Seek to understand and support the teachings of Jesus as taught by the Catholic Church, which will be part of my child(ren)'s education and formation. <https://www.usccb.org/sites/default/files/flipbooks/catechism/>
- Understand that the school encourages students to view their time in school as their current vocation, and that they are expected to act professionally in their dress and conduct. Therefore, we will support the school in ensuring that our child(ren) adhere to the school dress codes for school, dances, and events.
- Understand that we are partners with and, in a real sense, representatives of the school and the Church, and will act with Catholic / Christian decorum at public events.
- Commit to act responsibly and sensitively in communication with teachers, administrators, and fellow families, and will not disparage the Church, the school, its staff or fellow families in public forums, including social media.
- Commit to respect and, to the best of our ability, uphold Catholic / Christian values in school, at home, and in the community to ensure consistency between home and school.
- *(For Catholics and people of other faiths)* Commit to actively participating in our place of worship through giving of our time, talent, and treasure.
(Catholics, see 5th precept of the Church <https://www.usccb.org/sites/default/files/flipbooks/catechism/495/>).
- *(For Catholics)* Will reinforce the lessons our child(ren) are learning by ensuring that they attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of obligation. <https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/canon-law/complementary-norms/canon-1246>
- Commit to volunteer a minimum number of hours per family per academic year at our school, or work with the school to find an alternative way to give of our time, talent, and treasure.
- Commit to staying current on payment of tuition and fees.

I have watched and I understand the accompanying video, pledge from the diocese, and these accompanying aspirations and expectations for my family as a member and now ambassador for my Catholic school

Signed: (parent) _____ (parent) _____ Date: _____