



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, 2019-2020

Every Catholic School student has a right to be treated as a child of God, with love and respect. In like manner, the believing community has the right to an education guided by Catholic teaching and identity, unimpeded by pressures contrary to Church teaching.

As parent(s) of a student(s) in a Catholic School, I (we) understand, affirm and support the following:

- ☐ Attending a Catholic School is a privilege, not a right.
- ☐ The primary purpose of a Catholic education is two-fold: to strengthen the Catholic community in its faith and to form students in the teaching of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.
- ☐ Catholic Schools are distinctive religious education institutions guided by the teachings of the Catholic Church. They are not simply private schools offering a positive moral code. Rather, they exist to advance the faith mission of the sponsoring Catholic parishes and Archdiocese of Philadelphia.
- ☐ While Catholic education places a high value on academic excellence and extracurricular achievement, its fundamental priority is fidelity to Catholic teaching and identity.
- ☐ The school and its administration have the responsibility to ensure that Catholic teaching and moral integrity permeate every facet of the school's life and activity and that the school is able to function as a community of faith.
- ☐ In all questions that involve Catholic teachings, morals, and Church law, the final determination rests with the Archbishop.

As a parent/guardian desiring to enroll my child in a Catholic School, I accept this memorandum of understanding. I pledge to support the Catholic identity and Mission of Our Lady of Mercy Regional Catholic School. By enrolling my child(ren) I commit myself to uphold all principles and policies that govern the Catholic school.

My signature indicates that I/we have made ourselves knowledgeable and understand the policies and procedures stated the OLM Student-Parent Handbook.

Children/Grade:

Child #1: _____ Child #2: _____

Child #3: _____ Child #4: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

(revised August 2018)