



# **FAMILY-SCHOOL AGREEMENT**

## **DIOCESE OF VICTORIA IN TEXAS**

### **Preamble**

*Catholic schools in the Diocese of Victoria in Texas are open to all students; however, we are not a private or alternative school system. The purpose of Catholic education is to provide an environment of academic excellence, where students learn how to become committed disciples of Jesus Christ, grow in holiness as stewards of God's creation, share the Good News of Christ's love with others, and are invited to join us in the Christian community of the Catholic Church. This Family-School Agreement is intended to further these purposes.*

When enrolling their child(ren) in a Catholic school in the Diocese of Victoria in Texas, be it a parochial or independent one, parent(s)/adoptive parent(s) and /legal guardian(s) are asked to sign a Family-School Agreement indicating that they 1) understand and agree that students in the school will be taught the teachings of the Catholic Church in their fullness; 2) pledge their full cooperation with the school and parish to prepare their child(ren) to be a disciple of Jesus Christ; and 3) will make every effort to supervise their child(ren)'s commitment to this agreement.

It is understood that:

- a) All children are welcome in the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Victoria in Texas, provided their parent(s)/adoptive parent(s)/legal guardian(s) sign and agree to the terms of the Family-School Agreement.
- b) Our schools exist to pass on the Catholic faith to children, as well as for their parent(s)/adoptive parent(s)/legal guardian(s) to grow in holiness, living as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- c) All children will be taught the Catholic faith in its fullness, regardless of the relationship/marital status of their parent(s)/adoptive parent(s)/legal guardian(s) (e.g., same-sex relationship, cohabitation, marriage outside the norms of the Catholic Church, etc.).

If the parent(s)/adoptive parent(s)/legal guardian(s) sign the Family-School Agreement, the principal shall also sign the Family-School Agreement indicating that the principal accepts the request of the parent(s)/adoptive parent(s)/legal guardian(s) for their child(ren) to receive a Catholic education,

Failure to abide by the terms of the Family-School Agreement shall be grounds for the child(ren)'s dismissal from the Catholic school in which they are registered. Parent(s)/adoptive parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and students who cause public scandal by actively promoting a moral or doctrinal position contrary to Catholic teaching, or by making a public issue of their state in life contrary to Catholic teaching, shall be considered in violation of the Family School Agreement.

