

FAMILY/CHURCH COMMITMENT FORM CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Catholic education recognizes parents as the primary educators of their children. When parents make the choice of a Catholic school, they enter into a partnership in the education and formation of their children. This partnership becomes most effective when the formal education that takes place in the school is reinforced and witnessed in the home. This is particularly true in regard to the faith formation of children, where it is reasonable to expect that the Gospel values espoused in the Catholic school are actively lived out in the home.

The **Family/Church Commitment Form** represents the formal expression of the intent of parents and parishes to join in active partnership in the formation of their children. Parents, as primary educators commit to:

1. Formal registration in a parish or church
2. Regular church attendance; and
3. Spiritual, personal and financial support of the parish or church.

Catholic parishes, in turn, commit to the spiritual support of member families in the education/formation of their children, as well as support of Catholic Schools. Non-Catholic churches are asked to make a moral commitment of support of the family's efforts to educate their children.

It is understood that the vast majority of parents with children in Catholic schools are already meeting and/or exceeding the above expectations. The completion of this form for these families serves as an affirmation of that commitment and participation in parish life.

Parent Name(s) _____ **Phone** _____
(as registered in Parish/Church)

Address _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Child(ren)'s Name(s)	School (as of next September)	Grade (as of next September)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Family Commitment:

I/we understand that our role as primary educator calls us to be active in the life of our parish and school. This involves formal registration in the parish, regular attendance, and financial support to the extent that family circumstances allow.

Parent or Guardian _____ **Date** _____

Signature(s) _____

Church Commitment:

This family is recognized as members of our faith community, and will be supported in their desire for a Catholic school education.

Pastor or Delegate Signature _____ **Date** _____