

Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois - Family School Agreement

What does discipleship and stewardship ask of parents who wish to enroll children in a Catholic School?

- It requires an active witness to the Catholic faith by our daily teaching and living, making discipleship a way of life.
- It mandates the entire family's participation at Mass in the parish every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.
- It assumes active involvement in the various parish ministries, each according to his time and talents.
- It entails a respect for and cooperation with those who actually provide Catholic education - the priests, parishioners, and teachers - and their policies.
- It obliges each family to try to tithe, as we will be encouraging our parishioners toward the goal of giving at least eight percent of their income to the parish.
- It presumes the full participation of the child, according to age and ability, to practice stewardship as well.

As parents we ask St. Patrick's / Sacred Heart parish to help us provide our child(ren) with a Catholic education. We understand and agree that our child(ren) will be taught the teachings of the Catholic Church in their fullness even if we are living a way of life that is contrary to those teachings. We also understand that if we do not live in accord with Church teaching, we are expected to discuss with the pastor of our Catholic parish ways in which we could. We further accept a commitment to the stewardship way of life as practiced in our parish. We pledge our full cooperation with the school and parish to prepare our child(ren) to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We will make every effort to supervise our child(ren)'s commitment to this agreement.

Father/ Adoptive Parent/Legal Guardian's Name Signature

Mother/ Adoptive Parent/Legal Guardian's Name Signature

Student's Name Grade Signature

Student's Name Grade Signature

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_____ Parish accepts your request for a Catholic education and your commitment to the discipleship and stewardship way of life. We acknowledge our obligation to assist you in your task of nurturing your child(ren) in the practice of the Catholic faith. We will make our best effort to form your child(ren) as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Pastor's Signature

Principal's Signature

School Year