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## STATEMENT OF FAITH COMMITMENT

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Peoria are established to assist the Bishop and Pastors in the transmission of the faith to the young people of the diocese. We welcome non-Catholic students into our schools who wish to take advantage of the opportunities provided by Catholic education. Every school's main goal must be to help each student develop a personal and ecclesial relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6). The principles, practices, and beliefs of the Catholic Faith must be fully integrated throughout the school's curricular service projects, co-curricular activities, and culture.

Students in our Catholic schools are reminded of their dignity as children of God through the study of Catholic Doctrine, frequent opportunities for personal and communal prayer, and active participation in the sacramental life of the Church. Together with parents, the primary educators of their children, our Catholic schools pursue academic and spiritual excellence by helping students to develop their intellectual abilities, foster wholesome friendships, practice discipleship, strengthen their daily prayer life, grow in virtue, and become leaders through serving others.

St. Mary's School is devoted to assisting parents in their teaching role and in helping them to nurture the Catholic faith in their homes. At St. Mary's children receive instruction in the faith and are prepared for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation, they are taught that each Catholic is obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and that Catholics gain grace and salvation through frequent reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.

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Catholic parents: In the spirit of love for God, the Catholic Church, and my child(ren), I promise to fulfill my obligations as teacher and role model of the Catholic faith. I will see that Mass obligations are fulfilled and will encourage active participation in the sacraments and prayer.

All parents: I will act as a mentor of Christian virtues and values in my home and foster the development of my child(ren)'s relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_