

**STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING,**  
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS AND AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN MODIFIED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR**

**St. Ann Catholic School**  
**For the 2021-22 Academic Year**

As we are all well aware, the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been a worldwide pandemic and is extremely contagious. Our Federal, State and Local Leaders and Health Organizations, as well as our Catholic Schools Office and the Staff and Administration of this school continue to dedicate tremendous time and resources to creating and implementing plans and strategies to allow for our children, teachers and all other individuals who might enter our buildings to return to school for the 2021-2022 academic year in as safe a manner as possible.

As a result, in order to resume school activities, essential safety measures such as mask use, handwashing and other hygiene measures have been established. As the understanding of this virus increases, still other measures are likely to be implemented at a later time. Our School has put these preventative measures in place in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at School and at School activities.

**NOTICES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

**RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19:**

**Despite the above noted precautions, the risks associated with transmission of COVID-19 remain high.** Even with the implementation of these safety protocols, the School cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19 and attendance at School and/or participation in School activities could increase your risk and/or your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

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**OBLIGATION TO MONITOR FAMILY HEALTH:**

School families must understand and agree that, in the event a child or other member of the family develops symptoms or suspected symptoms of COVID-19, they must contact the school and follow the appropriate protocols as directed by the school. Families must also understand and affirm that the School and School staff have discretion to determine whether a student is ill, or potentially contagious, and whether it is in the best interests of the student, student body, teachers, and School staff, to mandate that a child/student be picked up from school at the time of that determination.

**POSSIBLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE MODIFICATIONS, INCLUDING CLOSURE:** The operation of our school is subject to lawful orders of the Federal, State and local governments and agencies, and changes to the operational status of the school could occur. These changes could include modified schedules,

limitation on building occupancy levels and complete closure. Depending on the conditions and timing of any necessary modifications, in-person classroom time may be reduced or eliminated completely, and replaced or augmented with a variety of options for virtual learning.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ONGOING FINANCIAL COMMITMENT:

The costs associated with these enhanced health and safety measures, as well as the additional resources necessary to facilitate the necessary changes to class sizes, schedules, staffing and other changes have and will continue to be significant. All school families must be aware of this reality, and as such, by their enrollment in our school for this academic year, school families are understood to have acknowledged and committed to their ongoing support through their required tuition and fee agreements. This commitment will be ongoing, and refunds or credits for tuition and fees will not be given in the event that it becomes necessary for classes to be administered via distance or other virtual learning arrangements, or other modifications that result from the ongoing pandemic.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OBLIGATION TO PARTICIPATE AS AN ACTIVELY ENGAGED SCHOOL FAMILY:

It is impossible in advance to specify all known and unknown conditions and risks that may arise in the coming year. It must be understood and acknowledged by all students and school families that the challenges before the school now and those that will likely arise in the weeks and months to come will require an increase in everyone's dedication, volunteerism, patience, understanding and most importantly, prayers to help our students and entire school community have a successful and safe school year.