

Saint Martha School

**A COVENANT BETWEEN
PARENTS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING SAINT MARTHA SCHOOL
AND
THE ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF OF SAINT MARTHA SCHOOL**

As the Catholic Church teaches, parents are the primary educators of their children, charged to hand on the Faith to a new generation of Catholic Christian disciples. Saint Martha School is excited that parents have chosen the School as their partner in this vital undertaking. Parents and the School reinforce each other's efforts by manifesting the centrality of Christ through words and actions that are readily apparent to the children.

Thus the administration and staff Saint Martha School commit themselves to –

- Undertake the sacred work of educating and forming disciples. To this end, school personnel will pray daily for students and parents, and will hold themselves to high standards of excellence,
- Guide students toward reaching their full academic, spiritual, physical, social, and emotional potential. The School will nurture habits of prayer, study, organization, work, service, kindness, joy, and virtue.
- Provide weekly Mass during the school day, as well as opportunities for Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, and Christian service.
- Communicate effectively with parents regarding student progress and school initiatives.

In return, parents of children attending Saint Martha School commit themselves to –

- Attend Mass with their children each week on Saturday afternoon or Sunday, similarly observe Holy Days of Obligation, and receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation on a regular basis. (Non-Catholic families commit themselves to weekly worship in their faith tradition.)
- Pray daily with their children. Spend time together as a family, making a significant effort to share at least one meal a day, and placing limits on the use of electronics during family times.
- Share generously their time, talent, and treasure with Saint Martha Parish and School, having due regard for the generous gifts that Almighty God has provided. Mindful that the School's per-pupil costs far exceed the required tuition and that the expense is borne by the whole parish community, school parents who are Catholic should (like all parishioners) register in the Parish and make a weekly contribution to the Parish through the use of envelopes or, preferably, make recurring contributions to the Parish through its secure on-line giving program.
- Promote growth in virtue, encourage strong study habits and wise use of electronics, maintain open and cordial communication with the principal and teachers, and follow the policies of the School.

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