

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAMILY COVENANT

A covenant differs from a legal contract in a number of fundamental ways. A covenant agreement is one that is made out of love. It is a voluntary and mutual pledge to grow together in relationship. A contract, on the other hand, is a binding legal obligation designed to protect the rights of one party, from being neglected or infringed upon by another.

A covenant, since it represents a loving relationship, has room to grow in generosity and mutual support. A contract, by nature, is and end itself. Nothing more is expected. It defines the "bare minimum" of a relationship.

This covenant represents our mutual commitment to supporting the Catholic education and the faith formation of your child(ren) during their time at St. Joseph Catholic School in Olney, Illinois.

Fr. Mark Stec, and Fr. Felix Chukwuma are committed to provide a Catholic foundation for a life of prayer, knowledge and service to all people of our parish communities, and to provide the most affordable Catholic education possible at St. Joseph Catholic School.

Parents who are members of our Catholic Parishes are asked to reciprocate with demonstrating your family's consistent presence and participation in our parish by:

- Knowing and living the tenants of the Catholic faith, including daily prayer
- Support the continued Catholic Faith formation of your child(ren)
- Regular attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy days of Obligation, as evidenced by actual presence at Mass and recordable financial support to the parish
- To model faith in action by volunteering in the parish on a regular basis

(please check one of the four (4) options)

- I am a member/attend regularly St. Joseph- Olney Church
- I am a member/attend regularly Holy Cross-Wendelin Church
- I am a member /attend regularly St. Joseph-Stringtown Church
- I would like more information on becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church

Non-Catholic Families:

- I am a member/attend regularly _____ Church
- We do not have a local religious affiliation

(please sign and return to the school office by April 14th)

Parent(s) Signature(s) _____