



## Cedar Valley Catholic Schools Educational Covenant 2012-2013

*“Since parents have conferred life on their children, they have a most solemn obligation to educate their offspring. Hence, parents must be acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children. The Church reminds parents of the serious duty which is theirs of taking every opportunity - or of making the opportunity - for their children to be able to enjoy these helps and to pace their development as Christians with their growth as citizens of the world.” (Declaration of Christian Education)*

*“Parents are the first and foremost catechists of their children. They catechize informally but powerfully by example and instruction. They communicate values and attitudes by showing love for Christ and His Church and for each other, by reverently receiving the Eucharist and living in its spirit, and by fostering justice and love in all their relationships. Their active involvement in the parish, their readiness to seek opportunities to serve others, and their practice of frequent and spontaneous prayer, all make meaningful their professions of belief. Parents nurture faith in their children by showing them the richness and beauty of lived faith. Parents should frequently be reminded of their obligation to see to it that their children participate in catechetical programs sponsored by the Church.” (Sharing the Light of Faith #212)*

### Parent/Guardian Covenant

Recognizing our most solemn obligation to educate our children in the ways of the faith, we hereby enter into this covenant with the Board of Education, administration and staff of the Cedar Valley Catholic Schools, to work cooperatively in providing for a quality program of faith formation for our children.

#### **We agree to:**

- Provide good example for our children
- Communicate Christian values and attitudes
- Provide opportunities to share in the sacramental life of the Church with our children through regular weekend mass attendance
- Provide for prayer opportunities for our children
- Ensure the regular attendance of our child(ren) at class
- Understand and accept the regulations set forth in the parent/student handbook
- Volunteer my time at least once during each semester for special projects
- Complete my financial obligations to the Cedar Valley Catholic Schools as set forth on the signature page
- Engage in regular stewardship of time, talent, and treasure with my parish community through regular worship, volunteerism, and financial contributions.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Education: Jeff Frost    Board Chairperson: Mark Gallagher    Pastor: Father Lou Jaeger

Date \_\_\_\_\_