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Dear Parents and Guardians of Students Enrolled for the 2023-2024 School Year:

Thank you for enrolling your child (ren) at **St. Gregory** Catholic School for the 2023-2024 school year. We are pleased that you will be an important part of the life of our parish and school community throughout the school year.

As we prepare for the new school year, I am writing to remind you of the primary reason for our very existence as a Catholic school in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. As a Catholic school, our primary purpose is to form students in the values of Jesus Christ and the teaching of the Catholic Church. While we maintain an outstanding academic program and many extra-curricular and athletic activities, we are responsible for ensuring that Catholic values and moral integrity permeate every facet of our school's programs. In full partnership with you and your family, we are committed to upholding these principles which underlie our presence in the community as a Catholic school.

Along with this reminder about the primary purpose of our school, I am also enclosing the Memorandum of Understanding for you to complete for your child (ren) enrolled in our school. You must complete and sign one form for each of your enrolled children every year. This is necessary to complete the registration process and maintain enrollment. Please be advised that this is a revised form.

Again, thank you for enrolling your child (ren) at **St. Gregory** Catholic School and for allowing us to help you educate your child (ren) spiritually, academically, emotionally, and physically.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Nathan Rossman, Principal Enclosure

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

As a parent/guardian of a student in a Catholic school, I understand, affirm, and support the following:

- 1. The primary purpose of Catholic school education is to form students in the values of Jesus Christ and the teaching of the Catholic Church.
- 2. Catholic schools are distinctive religious education institutions operated as programs of the Catholic Church. They are not simply private schools offering a positive moral code. Rather, they exist to advance the faith mission of the Catholic faith.
- 3. Attending a Catholic school is a privilege, not a right.
- 4. While academic excellence and involvement in extracurricular activity (i.e., sports, clubs, etc.) are important, fidelity to the school's Catholic identity is the fundamental priority.
- 5. The school and its administration ensure that Catholic values and moral integrity permeate every facet of the school's life and activity. All school community members are likewise expected to treat one another with respect and in a Christ-like manner.
- 6. The final determination rests with the diocesan bishop in all questions involving faith, morals, faith teaching, and Church law.

As a parent/guardian desiring to enroll my child in a Catholic school, I accept this memorandum of understanding. I pledge support for the Catholic identity and mission of this school, and by enrolling my child, I commit myself and my child to uphold all the principles and policies that govern a Catholic school, including the Parent/Student handbook, which also governs the family relationship with the school.

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Printed	Printed	Printed
Signature	Signature	Signature
Student's Name (Please Print)		School
Date:		
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