



Fr. Joseph Baker, Pastor  
Mrs. Karen Jones, Principal

### STATEMENT OF FAITH COMMITMENT

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Peoria exist to assist the Bishop and Pastors in the transmission of the faith to the young people of the diocese. We welcome non-Catholic students into our schools who wish to take advantage of the opportunities provided by Catholic education. The principles, practices, and beliefs of the Catholic Faith will be fully integrated throughout the school's curricular service projects, co-curricular activities, and culture.

Students in our Catholic schools are reminded of their primary identity as a son or daughter of God the Father through the study of Catholic Christian Doctrine and development of a personal relationship with Jesus. St. Mary's School is devoted to supporting parents in their duty as primary educators of the Catholic faith and in helping them to nurture that faith in their homes. We help students to:

- Develop their intellectual abilities.
- Strengthen their daily prayer life.
- Grow in virtue.
- Find joy in being disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Become leaders through serving others.

***As St. Mary's students receive instruction in the faith, they are taught as scripture says, keep holy the Sabbath and love the Lord your God with all you heart, mind, and soul. Catholics:***

- ***Are obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation.***
- ***Gain grace and salvation through frequent reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.***

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***Catholic parents:*** In the spirit of love for God, the Catholic Church, and my child, I promise to fulfill my obligations as teacher and role model of the Catholic faith. I will see that Mass obligations are fulfilled and will encourage active participation in the sacraments and prayer.

***All parents:*** I will act as a mentor of Christian virtues and values in my home and foster the development of my child's relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_