MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CATHOLIC SECONDAY SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

Catholic schools are a preferred option in education because they allow the acquisition of knowledge without placing limits. The National Conference of Catholic Bishops, in their pastoral message on Catholic education To Teach as Jesus Did of November 1972, affirmed that an integration of religious truth and values with life "distinguishes the Catholic school from other schools. This is a matter of crucial importance today in view of contemporary trends and pressures to compartmentalize life and learning and to isolate the religious dimension of existence from other areas of human life."

The principles of such an option are as follows:

1. Catholic schools are a preferred option for Catholic parents.
2. Catholic secondary education is an important and necessary ministry of the Church.
3. That option and that ministry must be made available to as many as possible.
4. That ministry must be viable pastorally and financially.
5. The Diocesan Church should financially assist parents according to need and to the extent that its finances will allow.
6. As in the past – Catholic parents need to consider Catholic schools as a priority for their children and are called to support them to the extent that they are able.

COMMITMENT

I understand that Catholic education is a shared venture of the parish community, may family, and the school itself. I intend to do my part to support my parish and to provide the example my family needs to grow in our Catholic faith. Therefore, I affirm my commitment to worship regularly on Sundays and holy days; to participate in the sacramental preparation programs; to contribute financially to the offertory collection, and to offer my time and talent to the parish.

_____ Date_____

Student's Signature Year of Graduation

WITNESSED BY:

_____ Date_____

Parent's/Guardian Signature

_____ Date_____

Pastor's Signature

_____ Seal of Parish

Parish

This signed Memorandum of Understanding is an integral part of the registration process for the Diocesan High Schools. This must be presented at the time of registration.

If there are extenuating circumstances that change your relationship with your parish, you may be ineligible for financial aid in the new school year.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR RESPECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE.