



ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
EMPLOYEE DECLARATION
(for non-Catholics)

The primary goal of Island Catholic Schools is to provide an education, enlightened by faith, in which students can grow in the knowledge, love and practice of the Catholic faith. To this end, the Catholic school must be centers of Catholic life and worship. "In partnership with the family and the parish, the Catholic school participates in the saving mission of the Church. By evangelization, catechesis and works of service, the Catholic school build up both the family of faith and the human community." (Philosophy of Education for Catholic Schools in the Province of BC; 2005)

In order to realize this expectation it must be recognized that "the Catholic school depends upon (teachers and support staff) almost entirely for the accomplishment of its goals and purposes". (Vatican II)

The vocation in a Catholic school is critical to the mission of Catholic schools. As such, I understand that I am expected to:

- Demonstrate a respectful and sympathetic sensitivity to the aims and nature of the school and to the Catholic beliefs and practices of the school.
- Be a positive role model for the students.
- Be a witness that has an impact upon the development of youth as well as upon one's credibility with the students,
 - Make a positive contribution to the development of a genuine spirit of Christian community within the school and the parish connected to the school (example: attend school/parish functions).
 - Live a single life or have a valid marriage bond.

If Christian:

- Be a positive role model "for the students by bearing transparent witness to Christ and to the beauty of the Gospel." (The Holy See's Teaching on Catholic Schools; 2006)
- Lead students to a greater relationship with Jesus and the Catholic Church.
- Be registered in a faith community and be an active, supportive member of the parish, participating in the life of the church (example: attend church services weekly).

As an employee in a Catholic School, I will strive to:

- Be a person of integrity.
- Be a role model for others in the school community.
- Promote and model charity and hope in truth and justice.
- Be a missionary disciple of Jesus (if Christian).

Employee signature: _____

Date: _____