



ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
EMPLOYEE DECLARATION
(for 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)

Christ has called people into the Catholic school vocation. As such, I understand that I am expected to:

- Be a 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)
- Be a witness that has an impact upon the development of youth as well as upon one's credibility with the students,
 - Be registered in a parish and be an active, supportive member of the parish, participating in the sacramental life of the Church (example: attend mass weekly, live a single life or have a valid marriage bond according to the tenets of the Church).
 - Make a positive contribution to the development of a genuine spirit of Christian community within the school and parish (example: attend parish and school functions).
 - Be willing to teach courses in Religion, as approved by the Diocese.
 - Lead students to a greater relationship with Jesus and the Church.

As a Catholic School employee, I will strive to:

- Be a missionary disciple of Jesus.
- Be a person of integrity.
- Be a role model for others in the school and parish/faith community.
- Support and share in the rich teachings of the Church.
- Promote and model faith, charity and hope in truth and justice.

Employee signature: _____

Date: _____