

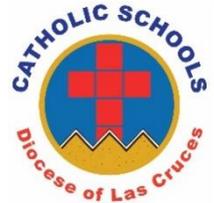
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Employee Witness Statement

WITNESS STATEMENT FOR THOSE WHO SERVE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The mission of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit is the mission of the Catholic Church: to reveal God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to all people and to teach them about the fullness of His love. “Indeed the primordial mission of the Church is to proclaim God and to be His witness before the world” (*General Directory for Catechesis*, #23). Catholic education shares in a special way in the Church’s mission by proclaiming and witnessing to Jesus Christ and His teachings.

Initially, those being evangelized will be attracted to and listen to those who are good witnesses. “The Good News proclaimed by the witness of life sooner or later has to be proclaimed by the word of life” (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, #22). All who serve in Catholic education are called to be witnesses to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. Therefore, the following Employee Witness Statement applies to all who serve in Catholic education:

All who serve in Catholic education in the school programs of the Diocese of Las Cruces will witness by their public behavior, actions, and words a life consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

This witness statement applies as a basic common denominator to all faculty and staff employed within the schools of the Diocese of Las Cruces. All positions, regardless of its apparent secular nature, support the mission of the Catholic School; therefore all faculty and staff are required to understand the Catholic ethos formed in the school and participate toward that. Furthermore, some positions are held to a higher standard, such as principals, administrators and teachers of religion, who are called to be explicit proclaimers of the Word.

Only those persons who can support the above Employee Witness Statement are to be employed to work in the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Las Cruces.

Your signature hereinafter indicates that you support the Employee Witness Statement and its implications.

Signature _____

Date _____