

# *St. Catherine of Genoa Parish*

## *Religious Education Parental Pledge*



### *Parents As Partners:*

*As Disciples of Christ, we are expected to behave in such a way as to show Christian charity towards each other. Living by example for our children, we Pledge that we will try to base our decisions and actions on the Six Pillars of Character<sup>i</sup>:*

- 1. Be trustworthy.*
- 2. Be respectful.*
- 3. Be responsible.*
- 4. Be fair.*
- 5. Be caring.*
- 6. Be a good citizen.*



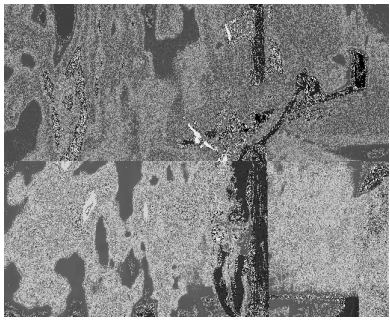
*As parents wishing to raise our children in the loving guidance of the Catholic Faith, we Pledge that we will faithfully try to abide by the six precepts of the Catholic Church<sup>ii</sup>:*

- 1. Attending Mass on all Sundays and holy days of obligation.*
- 2. Receiving the Holy Eucharist during the Easter season.*
- 3. Confessing our sins at least once a year.*
- 4. Fasting and abstaining on appointed days.*
- 5. Observing the marriage laws of the Church.*
- 6. Contributing to the support of the Church.*

*As Faithful members of the Universal Church, we Pledge that we will abide by the four pillars of faith which are the foundations upon which the Catholic Church is built. Each individual pillar represents a major component to Catholicism and all four together establish the core of Catholic belief and practice<sup>iii</sup>:*

- 1. The Ten Commandments.*
- 2. The Apostles' Creed and The Nicene Creed.*
- 3. The Seven Sacraments.*
- 4. The Our Father.*





*As a Faith Community, demonstrating our love for God and our love for each other, we Pledge to hand down to our children the deposit of faith which the Apostles received from Jesus Christ, their divine teacher and guaranteed by the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. We Pledge to apply to ourselves the mysterious words of Jesus ... "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me."<sup>iv</sup>*

**Parents Must Be Recognized As The Primary And Principal Educators Of The Children Whom They Have Given Life!**

*In partnership with the parents of our community, and on behalf of the Catechists and staff, we Pledge the forgoing and dedicate ourselves to this mission of love, education and discipleship:*

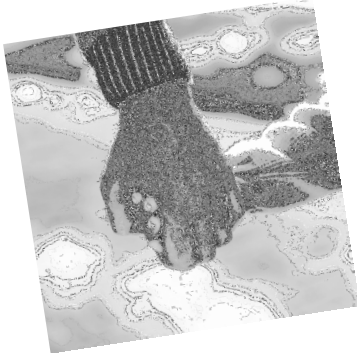
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*Father Timothy J. Seigel  
 Pastor, St. Catherine of Genoa Parish*

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*Alaisa Kingston Emmens  
 Director of Religious Education*

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**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN WITH YOUR R.E. REGISTRATION FORM**



*In partnership with the Catechists and staff of St. Catherine of Genoa Parish, we Pledge the forgoing and dedicate ourselves to this mission of love, education and discipleship:*

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*Father/Guardian*

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*Mother/Guardian*

*Date:\_\_\_\_\_*

*Date:\_\_\_\_\_*

<sup>i</sup> *Making Ethical Decisions: The Six Pillars of Character*, Michael Josephson, 2006

<sup>ii</sup> *Catholicism For Dummies*, Trigilio & Brighenti, 2003, Page 179

<sup>iii</sup> *Catholicism For Dummies*, Trigilio & Brighenti, 2003, Page 183

<sup>iv</sup> *Catechesi Tradendae*, I, 6.

<sup>v</sup> Vatican II Declaration On Religious Education

