



Igniting Inclusive Catholic Education

Acknowledgement of Support

Our parish / high school currently offers inclusive Catholic education, making it possible for students of all abilities to attend our parish school. With support from the FIRE Foundation, students with special needs are educated alongside their siblings and peers. K-8 students receive support from a special education teacher/coordinator, classroom teacher and paraprofessionals. High school students also benefit from support provided by peer mentors.

Annual grants from the FIRE Foundation partially support staff salaries and provide learning resources and technology. It would be very difficult to offer an inclusive learning environment and meet the special learning needs of students without financial support from FIRE and the commitment of our parish community.

All parents of students who receive support services; group support within the classroom, resource room support and/or partial, shared or full-time assistance from para-professionals, are expected to be active participants in Friends of FIRE (FOF).

Involvement of parents is essential for our school to receive FIRE funding. Parents and families, through FOF, play a vital role at FIRE partner schools by:

- Sharing information with our school community about the benefits of inclusive education for ALL students.
- Engaging school families in FIRE fundraising initiatives and events.
- Volunteering at FIRE events and school-based events that promote inclusion.
- Attending Friends of FIRE meetings and occasional education sessions.

Your Friends of FIRE Liaison(s) will provide details, dates and opportunities about the 2017-18 calendar of events and meetings.

Please read and sign the acknowledgement form below. Return it to the school office. Thank you, in advance, for supporting inclusive Catholic education – for your child and for all children at our school.

Parent Commitment

____ I/We understand the expectation to participate in FOF and attend FOF meetings. (There are five meetings per year.)

____ I/We will sign up for volunteer opportunities for events promoted by FIRE and will respond to requests from the Foundation staff regarding fundraising efforts.

____ I/We understand that FOF is a volunteer advocacy group that supports FIRE fundraising efforts and promotes the value of inclusive Catholic education. (FOF and the FIRE Foundation do NOT influence children’s individual education plans.)

Print Name (s)

Date

Signature(s) of Parent(s)

Date