

**MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF SUPPORT FOR SAINT SEBASTIAN PARISH SCHOOL
BY SCHOOL PARENTS, SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SCHOOL STAFF**

We recognize that parents are the primary educators of their children.

To share in this fundamental responsibility, St. Sebastian Parish has established, and continued to support, the parish school. The financial burden is large, but it is a commitment that is supported through the contributions of time, talent and treasure by the members of the parish.

St. Sebastian School provides a Christ-centered focus on spiritual and academic development. The school staff believes that children learn in different ways and at different rates. The dedication of the staff promotes a Christian environment which enables a child to feel secure and to enjoy the challenge of learning.

By choosing St. Sebastian School, we recognize that it is a Catholic School; therefore, education and formation in the Catholic faith is central to the curriculum. We believe that all of us, parents and staff, must support this centrality by the active practice of our Faith, particularly so we may serve as models and promote the spiritual development of the children enrolled in our school.

In choosing St. Sebastian School, we recognize that it is an educational institution where the educational needs of the children must be assessed and met through the cooperation of the parents and the staff. We recognize that active participation by parents and staff in conferences and in Home & School functions will build this spirit of cooperation. Furthermore, we affirm the adherence to school policies, established by the School Committee, and the procedures and rules found in the school handbook, as a necessary means of fostering standards of excellence.

In choosing St. Sebastian School, we recognize that it is a parish school and acknowledge that volunteers are essential to the success of the many activities and projects in this school, and that each parent must assist in whatever way possible. We also recognize that in order to insure the operation of a quality school, the financial obligations of families enrolled must be met in a timely manner.

I/We have read the above statement and understand its philosophy. I/We willingly accept it as a mutual understanding among my family members, the School Committee and the school staff.

Parent signatures(s) _____

Date _____

I/We subscribe to this statement as a mutual understanding among school parents, the School Committee and the school staff.

Principal

School Committee Representative