

**COVID-19 Acknowledgement of Risks**

We, the undersigned parent(s) and student, acknowledge and agree that, as a student at Holy Cross Catholic School and as parent(s) of that student, entering in the school or being on the premises, having personal contact with teachers, classmates, and other Holy Cross Catholic School staff, involves a certain degree of risk, namely of parent(s) and/or student acquiring a communicable disease, including COVID-19, and then potentially passing it on to others, including family members. Due to the highly contagious nature of COVID-19, there is an elevated risk of student contracting the disease simply by being on the premises, or at any Holy Cross Catholic School function.

After carefully considering the COVID-19-related risks involved, and having the opportunity to discuss these risks with any healthcare professional(s) of our choosing, we voluntarily accept those risks and acknowledge that returning to in-person classes and other in-person Holy Cross Catholic School functions is the choice of each family, including ours. If student or parent(s) who visit Holy Cross Catholic School have underlying health concerns which may place them at greater risk of contracting any communicable disease, including COVID-19, we agree that we will consult with a health care professional before student or parent(s) return to Holy Cross Catholic School, attend any Holy Cross Catholic School function, or visit Holy Cross Catholic School. Moreover, we acknowledge that while adherence to safety and precautionary measures (e.g., social distancing guidelines, facemasks, handwashing, etc.) may reduce possible exposure to the risk of contracting a communicable disease, the possibility of serious illness and death remains. We do hereby accept and assume sole responsibility for any illness acquired by student or parent(s) while at Holy Cross Catholic School or any Holy Cross Catholic School function, including possible infection with COVID-19. We hereby release Holy Cross Catholic School and the Diocese and their employees and agents from liability for any injury, loss, or claim arising out of an illness contracted by student or parent(s) while at Holy Cross Catholic School, and further agree to defend and indemnify them against claims or suits arising out of such an illness.

We further accept that we have obligations to the school and parish, its employees/staff members, students, and others to take certain precautions and make certain disclosures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 as outlined by the State of Ohio and the applicable local public health department. Additionally, we agree that neither student nor parent(s) will come to Holy Cross Catholic School or any Holy Cross Catholic School function if in the last 14 days, student or parent(s) has had prolonged (more than 15 minutes) close contact (within 6 feet) with anyone, including a family member, diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19.

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 Parent Signature

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 Date

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 Student Signature

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 Date