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## We are parents working together to strengthen and support Catholic high school education that is faithful to all of the teachings of the Catholic Church.

**Our Problem.** Our Catholic faith is under attack. Our society has become increasingly secular and is opposing important teachings of the Catholic Church. Our children are being misled and turned away from the Church by books, movies, television, music, social media and the Internet that present values that are completely contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Without a solid understanding of our Catholic faith, society will succeed in leading our children away from the Church. The eternal salvation of our children is at stake.

"Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few." Matthew 7:13-14

We are called to Evangelize. Parents are responsible for the faith formation of our children and for returning them to the Lord. We must reach out and meet others, to love all and bring them the light of truth as defined by the teachings of the Catholic faith.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all ... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..." Matthew 28:19-20

We are Campus Fidei\*, Latin for "Field of Faith". We are parents working together, and in collaboration with our schools, to cultivate a *Field of Faith* in our Catholic high schools. Our mission is to strengthen and support Catholic high school education that is faithful to all of the teachings of the Catholic Church. Our immediate objectives include:

- 1) Increase in prayers for Catholic education
- 2) Increase our knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith
- 3) Increase our familiarity with the Catholic education of our children in the schools
- 4) Provide a path for parents to get engaged and collaborate with our Catholic schools

Our long term objectives include keeping our children in the Catholic Church to become the next generation of Catholics and creating more Saints.

\* Adopted from Pope Francis' address at World Youth Day 2013 where he calls us to become a *field of faith* where we can: a) Let Jesus sow his seed in our good soil, b) Train and play on Jesus' team and c) Build up the Church of God.

**We will work together.** We'll meet regularly (monthly) at host schools or parishes with a focus on four areas:

- 1) <u>Prayer.</u> Begin each meeting with structured prayer where we pray for our students, parents, schools, community, Campus Fidei and personal intentions.
- Grow in our faith as parents. We'll continue the faith formation and Catholic education of our members. We'll have guest speakers or Priests present a brief topic or lesson to the group at each meeting.
- 3) <u>Communicate with other parents.</u> As parents we'll share our observations and experiences from the Catholic education of our children, identify what is working well, identify opportunities for improvement, share new ideas and make recommendations for change.
- 4) <u>Follow through.</u> Parents will collaborate with their Catholic schools to implement their ideas.

Our children are being misled and turned away from the Catholic Church by our secular society. Their eternal salvation is at stake. Parents and schools will work together to strengthen and support Catholic high school education that is faithful to all of the teachings of the Catholic Church. Together, we can create our Campus Fidei, our *Field of Faith*.