

Code of Ethics for Catholic School Board Members

As a member of a Catholic school board, I

- acknowledge that schools are a significant expression of the teaching missions of the Catholic Church and function within its structure;
- will become more knowledgeable about the mission of Catholic education, as expressed in this school, and sincerely promote it to the various publics with whom I have influence;
- recognize the need for continuing education about my responsibilities and know that I do not represent the board officially unless explicitly authorized to do so;
- will be fully and carefully prepared for each meeting by doing the required readings and completing the necessary tasks for committee work and reports;
- support the principal in authorized functions and avoid intruding in administrative details unless requested to do so;
- will be loyal to board decisions even though personally opposed to the final recommendations and decisions;
- will be alert to alternate solutions to problems by keeping an open mind;
- will disqualify myself from discussion and vote on an issue where there is a conflict of interest with my family or business interests or if the outcome will grant me any pecuniary or material benefits; and
- pray often for other members of the board, this Catholic school, and the community it serves.