

### **Anti-Bullying Pledge**

We here at Immaculate Heart of Mary School want our students to acknowledge diversity and build community by practicing respect, hospitality, and civility, towards others. We have dedicated ourselves to the safety and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff. In cooperation with the Diocese of Cleveland, Immaculate Heart of Mary's parents, students, and staff recognize that human dignity is the basis for all relationships and growth, and will continue to support Immaculate Heart of Mary's anti-bullying program efforts.

Respect is the cornerstone of all our interactions and behaviors. We should acknowledge the dignity and worth of one another, and strive never to diminish another by our conduct or our attitudes.

We believe that everyone should enjoy school equally, and feel safe, secure, and accepted regardless of color, race, gender, ability, religion, and nationality.

We understand that bullying can be pushing, shoving, hitting, and spitting, as well as, name calling, picking on, making fun of, laughing at, and/or excluding someone. We also understand that bullying may cause emotional and physical pain and stress to victims, and is **never** justified or excusable.

**By signing this pledge, we agree to:**

1. Value differences and treat others with respect.
2. Report honestly and immediately any bullying that I know about or see to a teacher or other trusted adult in the school.
3. Talk to our teachers, parents, and/or children about issues regarding bullying.
4. Work with others in our school community, so that bullying can be dealt with effectively.
5. Be an example of respectful behavior to all whether in the classroom, or riding on the school bus.
6. Respectfully treat all persons in a Christ-like manner.

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**PLEASE PRINT FAMILY LAST NAME**