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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE AGREEMENT

Introduction:

Governing Terms:

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The Diocese may modify this Agreement, in whole or in part, or add or remove terms at any time, and such modifications, additions or deletions will be effective immediately upon posting. Your use of the Site after such posting shall be deemed to constitute acceptance by you of such modifications, additions or deletions.

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We reserve the right to withdraw or amend this Site, and any service or material we provide on the Site, in our sole discretion without notice. We will not be liable if for any reason all or any part of the Site is unavailable at any time or for any period. From time to time, we may restrict access to some parts of the Site, or the entire Site, to users, including registered users.

You are responsible for:

Making all arrangements necessary for you to have access to the Site.

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If you choose, or are provided with, a username, password or any other piece of information as part of our security procedures, you must treat such information as confidential, and you must not disclose it to any other person or entity. You also acknowledge that your account is personal to you and agree not to provide any other person with access to this Site or portions of it using your user name, password or other security information. You agree to notify us immediately of any unauthorized access to or use of your user name or password or any other breach of security. You also agree to ensure that you exit from your account at the end of each session. You should use particular caution when accessing your account from a public or shared computer so that others are not able to view or record your password or other personal information.

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Community Guidelines and User Content

Interactive Areas:

The Site may, though not at this time, contain sections, discussion forums, bulletin boards, or other interactive features (“Interactive Areas”) in which you may have the ability to post or upload comments or user-generated content such as photos, messages, or other items (collectively, “User Content”). **Use of Interactive Areas is at your own risk.** You are solely responsible for your use of any Interactive Areas.

All User Content must comply with the Community Guidelines set out in these Terms of Use.

This Site is offered and available to users who are 18 years of age or older, and reside in the United States or any of its territories or possessions. By submitting User Content in an Interactive Area, you represent that you are 13 years of age or older. Children under the age of 13 years are prohibited from using this Site. If you are under the age of 18 (but over the age of 13) and submit User Content, you represent that you either are an emancipated minor or have obtained the legal consent of your parent or legal guardian to enter into and fulfill the obligations of this Agreement.

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The Site may provide opportunities to use social utilities or social networking services (ex. Facebook.com, etc.) to share and post content from the Site. By registering and using a social utility or social networking service to interact on the Site, you agree to the terms and policies of that social utility or service (the “Social Service Terms and Policies”). The Diocese reserves the right to terminate your access to and use of the Site if you fail to comply with the Social Service Terms and Policies. The Diocese is in no way liable for any violations you commit of the Social Service Terms and Policies.

Community Guidelines:

If you submit any User Content or participate in an Interactive Area, you agree to abide by the following rules of conduct:

- All posts and content should be marked with Christian charity and respect. They should be on topic and presume the good will of other posters;
- You agree not to upload, post or otherwise transmit any User Content that publicly endorses or speaks in opposition to a specific candidate, political party or political action committee as well as divisive speech, and personal attacks of public figures;
- You agree not to violate or infringe the rights of the Diocese or others including, without limitation, patent, trademark, trade secret, copyright, publicity or other proprietary rights;
- You agree not to upload, post or otherwise transmit any User Content that is unlawful, discriminatory, threatening, abusive, harassing, defamatory, libelous, deceptive, fraudulent, invasive of another’s privacy, tortuous, or contains explicit or graphic descriptions or accounts of sexual acts;
- You agree not to use the Site for the purpose of exploiting, harming or attempting to exploit or harm minors in any way by exposing them to inappropriate content, asking for personally identifiable information or otherwise;
- You agree not to upload, post or otherwise transmit any User Content that victimizes, harasses, degrades, intimidates, discriminates against, or retaliates against an individual or group of individuals on the basis of religion, sex, race, national origin, age, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or other characteristics protected by applicable state or federal law;
- You agree not to impersonate any person, business or entity, including the Diocese and our employees and agents;
- You agree not to interfere with any other user’s right to privacy, including by harvesting or collecting personally-identifiable information about the Site or posting private information about a third party;
- You agree not to upload, post or otherwise transmit any User Content that contains viruses or any other computer code, files or programs that interrupt, destroy or limit the functionality of any computer software or hardware or telecommunications equipment, or otherwise permit the unauthorized use of a computer or computer network;
- You agree not to upload, post or otherwise transmit any User Content that encourages conduct that would constitute a criminal offense, or that gives rise to civil liability;

- You agree not to upload, post or otherwise transmit any User Content that interferes with the use of the Site by others.

Any conduct that in the Diocese's sole discretion restricts or inhibits anyone else from using or enjoying the Site will not be permitted. The Diocese reserves the right in its sole discretion to remove or edit User Content by you and to prohibit you from accessing the Site for any reason. The Diocese is not responsible for User Content submitted to the Site or posted in comments sections, chat rooms, on bulletin boards or on other Interactive Areas by users of the Site. You take full responsibility and liability for engaging in any of the above conduct.

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The Diocese may terminate or suspend this Agreement at any time without notice to you. Without limiting the foregoing, the Diocese shall have the right to immediately block your access to the Site in the event of any conduct by you which the Diocese, in its sole discretion, considers to be unacceptable, or in the event of any breach by you of this Agreement. The separate provisions of this Agreement shall survive termination of this Agreement.

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This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, without regard to its conflict of law rules. No waiver by either party of any breach or default hereunder shall be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or subsequent breach of default. You agree to be bound and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the local, state or federal courts located in Columbus, Ohio.

Any legal suit, action or proceeding arising out of, or related to, these Terms of Use or the Site shall be instituted exclusively in the federal courts of the United States or the courts of the State of Ohio in each case located in the City of Columbus and County of Franklin, although we retain the right to bring any suit, action or proceeding against you for breach of these Terms of Use in your country of residence or any other relevant country or jurisdiction. You waive any and all objections to the exercise of jurisdiction over you by such courts and to venue in such courts.

Limitation on Time to File Claims

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No waiver of by the Diocese of any term or condition set forth in these Terms of Use shall be deemed a further or continuing waiver of such term or condition or a waiver of any other term or condition, and any failure of the Diocese to assert a right or provision under these Terms of Use shall not constitute a waiver of such right or provision.

If any provision of these Terms of Use is held by a court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason, such provision shall be eliminated or limited to the minimum extent such that the remaining provisions of the Terms of Use will continue in full force and effect.

Entire Agreement.

These Terms and Conditions of Use and any operating rules of Columbuscatholic.org and education.columbuscatholic.org established by the Diocese constitute the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersede all previous written or oral agreements between the parties with respect to such subject matter. The section headings used herein are for convenience only and shall not be given any legal import.

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