

# **A Covenant**

## **Between Parish and Parishioner**

As parish membership involves mutual expectations between parishes and their members, clarity regarding parishioner status is important.

On the part of Stella Maris Parish, we are committed to providing appropriate pastoral service to our parishioners, to celebrating Mass and the Sacraments to meet their spiritual needs, to provide pastoral care for the sick and dying, and many other normal educational, spiritual and community supports given by the Church. Active parishioners also share the benefits of parishioner tuition rates in our Catholic schools.

On their part, parishioners recognize the necessity of determining active parish membership. It is understood that active parishioners: (i) register in the parish; (ii) attend Mass faithfully on Sundays and holydays of obligation; and (iii) give evidence of Mass attendance and support of the church by using the envelope system. No minimum amount is expected; only that parishioners do what they can to support the Church and its works. It is also understood that no one who has registered from outside the parish's geographical boundaries may ask to schedule a wedding unless they have been active members for at least one year.

Together, we pledge ourselves to these expectations and hope to grow in the life of God in service to each other and to the world around us.

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**Parishioner & Date**

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**Pastor/Pastor's Delegate & Date**