

**DEPARTMENT FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF "CARDINAL'S CLAUSE"**

I hereby acknowledge and accept the religious nature and mission of the Parish Religious Education Program, and I agree that my Pastor has the right to dismiss me for public immorality, public scandal, or rejection of the teachings, doctrine or laws of the Roman Catholic Church.

Further, I acknowledge that examples of the violation of the clause would include but are not limited to, being in or entering into a marriage which is not recognized as being valid by the Roman Catholic Church, or support of activities which espouse beliefs contrary to Catholic Church teaching and laws such as advocacy of abortion.

I understand that this acknowledgement is effective for the duration of my service at any parish within the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

**I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF A COPY OF THE CARDINAL'S CLAUSE.**  
(Original to be kept in catechist permanent file)

Catechist \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Religious Education Program

Catechetical Administrator (witness) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(Note: a signed copy of the Cardinal's Clause must be kept in the catechist's record file)**