Catholic Homeschool Resource & Support Ministry (CHRSM)
Statement of Faith Policy

As a Catholic ministry, CHRSM fully adopts, faithfully adheres to, and seeks to advance all the magisterial teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, which authoritatively preserve the deposit of faith received through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. This includes as articulated in the Apostles and Nicene Creeds, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and additional authoritative teaching documents promulgated by the magisterium.

This also includes adherence to a Catholic vision of the human person, as understood and articulated in those same teachings, which takes account of the unique cultural conditions of our times. This Statement of Faith summarizes, but does not exhaust, core tenets of this faith, upon which the Magisterium expounds in its various teaching instruments.

Apostles Creed

We believe:

In God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Doctrinal Clarity Regarding the Human Person

We believe God creates each person in His image and likeness, with loving intentionality at the moment of conception. He intends for each person to possess freedom, wholeness, and communion with Himself and one another.

God creates each person as an integrated unity of body and soul. He forms each body as wonderfully and immutably male or female, corresponding to an unchangeable sexual identity. Any effort to deny the unity of body and soul, suggesting distinct identities in conflict with one another, rejects the integrity of God's intention. This includes a perceived sexual identity distinct from biological reality. The fall produced conflict and division at every level of human life: division between man and God, man and creation, man and man, and man and himself. One's

rejection of his or her own body, or rejection of his or her spiritual nature, has these same origins. In Christ, we discover the hope of reconciliation and wholeness.

God creates each person in the context of a family. He intended this to be rooted in a marital union. As the Author of all life, all existence, and the human family itself, He established marriage as solely between one man and one woman in a life-long covenantal union. This sacred union of one man and one woman is the exclusive context for all sexual intimacy, intimate cohabitation, and the marital embrace. It is the intended context for the raising of children.

God thus entrusts children and their formation to parents. The task of education involves leading each person forth into the fullness of life that God intends for all to possess in Christ, integrating the mind, heart, soul, and body in pursuit of loving communion with God and neighbor.

Consistent with the Statement of Faith Policy, I attest that:

▢ I am a practicing Catholic and I faithfully adhere to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. I fully affirm the CHRSM Statement of Faith and commit to upholding it in its entirety, in word and deed. I understand that the failure to do so is grounds for removal from CHRSM, and the termination of my participation in any of its programs, in any capacity.

▢ I am a baptized Christian, recognizing Jesus Christ as the incarnate Son of God and second person of the Trinity, and my Lord and Savior. I affirm the *Apostles Creed* and *the Doctrinal Clarity Regarding the Human Person* articulated above. I commit to upholding these teachings in word and deed. Although not in full communion with the Catholic Church, I further commit to supporting the Catholic identity of this ministry while participating in its programs and activities. I understand that the failure to do so is grounds for removal from CHRSM, and the termination of my participation in any of its programs, in any capacity.

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Printed Name	**Signature**	**Date**

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Parent applicants may sign for themselves and on behalf of their minor children.