



SAINT ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL

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Michelle Mc Cusker



Dear Michelle,

This is probably the most difficult letter I've ever had to write. Since you spoke to me on Wednesday, I can not stop thinking about what a challenging time you must be going through. In no way am I judging you. Your decision was a difficult one and I can only tell you that I have been praying for you.

You have read the Teacher Personnel Handbook and understand that "teachers agree to teach and act according to the precepts and doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church." Each teacher must demonstrate an acceptance of Gospel values and the Christian tradition not simply as a concept to be taught but as a reality to be lived. A teacher can not violate the tenets of Catholic morality. The way you live your life must witness the precepts and doctrines of the Catholic Church.

When a situation becomes evident that a teacher's life can not witness what the Catholic Church teaches, then termination of contract must occur. It is good for both you and the children that you will work until the end of October.

I wish there could have been a better solution. Your teaching ability and love of your children was of a high degree of professionalism. I can only wish you God's continued protection and love. My prayers go with you always. May your child be born healthy, knowing God's loving care.

In the peace of Christ,

Theresa Andersen, Principal