



Introduction

Today COR, which stands for Catholic Schools Opposing Racism, invites us to open the doors of our hearts to others. COR, which means “heart” in Latin, believes there is no better time to open our hearts than now.

It is in the hope of changing hearts that we, members of the 304 elementary and high schools in the Chicago Archdiocese, join together on this COR Commitment Day to pledge ourselves to work for harmony.

And so, let us join together in this student-created prayer and pledge.

Prayer: ALL

God, our Creator, you made every person in this school.

You created every person in the 304 schools throughout the Archdiocese and in the world to be an individual and to possess a special uniqueness shared by no one else. The differences that separate us can also bring us closer together.

We ask that you give each one of us the courage to confront and challenge racism, prejudice, discrimination and ignorance.

We need your example of unconditional love to open our hearts and minds to new people and ideas so that we can appreciate the diversity in one another, in our school, and in our world.

In Jesus’ name we pray . . . Amen.

Pledge: ALL

Starting today, I commit to educating myself and others about the many differences and cultures in our country and our world.

I vow to speak out openly against those who stereotype or discriminate against race or other differences. I will not ignore racist or discriminatory comments, and I will not tell or laugh at insensitive jokes.

I promise to assume the responsibility to identify and speak out about racist TV programs, advertising and news broadcasts that stereotype or discriminate against different races or groups.

Not only will I oppose acts of racism and intolerance in all their forms, but I will also examine my own attitudes and behaviors so that I can be an example of harmony to others. In my struggle to be a person of harmony, I know I will need to be a person of courage, a person of Peace.