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Memo to: Parents of the Catholic Academy of Stamford
From: Patricia E. Brady, Head of School
RE: Anti-Bullying Policy

One of the aspects of my position as Head of School, and one that I take very seriously, is to assure that during the hours your children are at The Catholic Academy of Stamford they are loved, respected, safe, and listened to. I know you want this for your children as well, and you want our school to be a safe place and free of violence and social aggression.

I firmly believe that teachers, parents and students need to be on the same page and understand the following:

- What acceptable behavior is (verbal, written and physical)
- What is not acceptable and will not be tolerated in our school community
- What information, skills and tools will be taught to our students so that they interact with each other in a respectful, tolerant and empathetic manner.

The purpose of my letter to you today is to assure you that we will employ the following as a school community:

- Understand the effects of bullying and harassment behaviors and develop empathy for targeted students,
- Learn ways to respond to bullying and harassing behavior, and
- Learn the consequences our school has established for engaging in bullying and harassing behavior

The Diocese of Bridgeport, as well as, The Catholic Academy of Stamford has very clear policies related to this issue. (Both may be viewed in our school handbook located on the school website). However, policies alone are not enough; education and communication are important as well.

Therefore, I encourage you as parents to talk with your children about the issues of respecting others, appropriate behavior toward others and understanding empathy. I also encourage you to speak with your child's teachers, principals, and me throughout the year if you become aware of any issues related to harassment or social aggression.

As we begin this year, I ask you to join me in asking God's blessings upon our students, teachers, your families and the community of The Catholic Academy of Stamford.