**9. Established by the Expressed Authority of the Bishop**

**Canon Law states, “Pastors of souls have the duty of making all possible arrangements so that all the faithful may avail themselves of a Catholic education” (Code of Canon Law, Canon 794). Bishops need to put forward the mission of Catholic schools, support and enhance the work of Catholic schools, and see that the education in the schools is based on principles of Catholic doctrine (John Paul II , Pastores Gregis, 52). Catholic schools have a formal and defined relationship with the Bishop guided by a spirituality of ecclesial communion, and should work to establish a relationship marked by mutual trust, close cooperation, continuing dialogue, and respect for the Bishop’s legitimate authority (Code of Canon Law, Canon 803 #1 and #3; Miller, 2006, p. 33).**

**Narrative Summary** (How does the school fulfill this characteristic?)

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**Examples** (Cite specific examples of fulfillment of this characteristic)

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**Direction** (How will the school continue to grow in fulfillment of this characteristic?)

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