

# ***Behavior, Student Code of Conduct, and Discipline Policy***

*Please Review these policies with your children prior to registering for classes*

We expect all of the children in attendance to behave in a respectful manner toward all other students and toward all adults. It is understood that all parents and students have read and agree to the Code of Conduct (found below as well as on the parish website on the Religious Education page). We expect all children in our Religious Ed program to adhere to the Code of Conduct while here at St. Christopher's Church.



## **Appropriate Behavior**

We follow the For The Sake of God's Children Policy for our Diocese. Disruptive behavior will result in disciplinary action. We expect all students to behave respectfully in the classroom toward their catechists and fellow students. We expect all students to follow the Code of Conduct at all times and be respectful to others.

In the classroom the catechist will give verbal warnings and redirect students. When needed, if a student continues to be disruptive to the class, catechist, and or catechist assistants the student will be sent to the DRE's Office. Parents will be notified of any disruptive behavior in the classroom. If a child is sent more than once in one session to the DRE's office the parent/guardian will be called for pick-up of the child. If the parent cannot be reached the Emergency Contact person listed on registration will be called to pick-up the child.

## **Safe Environment**

"As a faith filled people, we value and honor every individual as created in the image and likeness of God. In the works and ministries of the Diocese of Wilmington we, therefore, provide a safe environment for children, young people, and their families. Honesty, trust, and mutual respect frame an environment where healthy and responsible relationships prevail, boundaries are clear, and Behavioral Standards are mutually embraced. We are committed to providing for the safety and protection of God's children through a selfless sharing of our gifts and talents." ***-For The Sake of God's Children, Diocese of Wilmington Policy***

## **Discipline**

We will not tolerate repeatedly unacceptable or severely inappropriate disruptive behavior. Disruptive behavior includes but is not limited to the following; inappropriate language or gestures, verbal threats, interrupting the catechist or any other Religious Ed volunteer during class instructional time, bullying or harassment, any physical contact with another student, etc. We want what is best for every child in our program. In extreme cases where behavior is repeatedly unacceptable or severely inappropriate; the child will be removed from the Religious Ed Program and offered a Homeschooling alternative for the remainder of the year.



## Student Code of Conduct

Our Parish Religious Education Program is committed to providing a safe and pleasant atmosphere for students in order to further their education and learning in the Catholic faith.

As we begin a new school year, the Religious Ed Program would like to work cooperatively with the catechists, parents, and students, to ensure the success of the entire program for all involved. Please review the following rules with your child/children:

### Students are expected to:

- Listen and cooperate with the catechist, non-teaching parent volunteers and Church staff.
- Attend class on time, with their textbook and any other materials requested by the catechist.
- Respect the property of others in the classroom and throughout St. Christopher's Church.
- Turn off cell phones/electronic devices during class time. Keep in pocket at all times!
- Refrain from name calling, teasing, hitting, inappropriate touching, running, or the throwing of anything on St. Christopher's Church property.

### Consequences for poor behavior increase depending on the offense:

- For the first incident, the catechist will issue a verbal warning. After that ...
- Removal from class to visit Director of Religious Education for consultation
- Written warning/phone call from DRE to parent/s advising next offense may result in removal from class.
- Chronic repetition of poor, disrespectful, or inappropriate behavior can lead to removal from class and a home study program which requires submitting all completed chapter & unit reviews weekly to the DRE to advance to next grade level.

**Please keep in mind that the catechists are volunteers and dedicate their time and efforts to teaching your child/ren and are deserving of their respect.**

Kindly read and review these guidelines with your child/ren. Each Religious Ed student will sign this code of conduct on the first day of class in the presence of their catechist.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_