

ST. ALPHONSUS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

COMMITMENT OF MUTUAL AGREEMENTS

As Catholics and Christians, we are on a faith journey to seek, to know, and to follow our Savior. Our common goal as parents and catechists is to work together to do all we can to actively strengthen and stimulate the spiritual and moral growth of our children. As parents, we are our children's *primary* religious teachers and role models. This is an awesome responsibility. Catechists supplement the knowledge, direction and example provided by parents.

PARENTS' COMMITMENT

Among the ways we parents agree to live our commitment and nurture our child's growth is by:

1. regularly attending weekly parish worship with our child(ren). We recognize and accept fully that our attendance at Mass is an integral part of the religious education of our child(ren);
2. actively supporting the parish by contributing through weekly parish envelopes, thereby helping to offset the cost of the religious education program provided by the parish;
3. using the children's offertory envelopes to teach stewardship, and as a means of gauging attendance;
4. being examples of prayer and Christian living in the home;
5. attending all parent meetings scheduled during the year;
6. ensuring that our child(ren) attends each class when possible;
7. reinforcing class activities with home discussion;
8. abiding by the spirit and expectations of the Parent Handbook.

CATECHIST'S COMMITMENT

Among the ways we volunteer catechists agree to fulfill our commitment to further our child(ren)'s growth is to:

1. properly prepare for each class in order to attain program objectives;
2. notify absent students of missed classwork and homework assignments;
3. partner with parents by keeping them apprised of what is covered in class
4. foster a classroom environment where questions, discussions and suggestions are welcomed and concerns addressed;
5. strive to treat the children fairly and to respect their individual faith journeys;
6. invite parental participation and maintain open communication;
7. teach the consistent Catholic faith and traditions as expressed in our rituals, practices and Christian living;
8. meet and partner with the other grade-level catechists & core catechist on scheduled dates;
9. continue my personal religious education and actively give expression of my faith in my daily life;

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITMENT

1. listen to the concerns and suggestions of parents & students; and properly consider them when making decisions;
2. respond to inquiries in a timely manner;
3. inform and provide catechists (volunteers & parents) with opportunities for continuing education and faith development;
4. seek the active participation of a religious education advisory board comprised of parents and catechists in our efforts to continually evaluate and improve the program, formulate policies, and seek new ways to nurture the faith of participating children and families.

WE COMMIT TO LIVING OUT THESE AGREEMENTS FULLY AND ASK FOR GOD'S HELP AND GUIDANCE TO GIVE OUR BEST FOR OUR CHILDREN, FAMILY AND PARISH.

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| _____ Father's Signature | | _____ Mother's Signature | |
| _____ Student Name | _____ Student Name | _____ Student Name | _____ Student Name |
| _____ Catechist Signature | _____ Catechist Signature | _____ Catechist Signature | _____ Catechist Signature |
| _____ Kevin J. Cody, Director | | _____ Rev. Brian Ardagh, Pastor | |