



# Religious Education

## Faith Formation Parent and Child Commitment

As parents or guardians, you are required to be actively involved in your child's religious education. That you have chosen to enroll them in a religious education program demonstrates the importance you place on their faith formation. We understand and appreciate the responsibility you have entrusted to us. Remember, though, that you—the parent(s)—are the first and primary educators, who provide a foundation that we build upon. Therefore, you have a responsibility to remain active in your child's faith formation by:

- **Helping your child develop a living, growing faith that permeates daily life**
- **Fostering a clear sense of Catholic identity with an appreciation of Catholic beliefs, values, prayers, and practices**
- **Incorporating our Catholic Christian traditions in life experiences**
- **Opening your child to God's Word and responding willingly to His call as revealed in their life and our tradition**

The most valuable—and certainly the most important—gift you can give your child is **weekly Mass attendance**. Our liturgical celebrations have great educational and formative value, and the graces bestowed cannot be duplicated in a classroom. Though your weekends may be busy, remember that there are 2 Masses each weekend: the Saturday Vigil at 4 PM and a 10 AM Sunday Family Mass.

**SUPPORT** your child's faith formation by taking an active participation in their religious education class, which you can do in the following ways:

- **ASK** your child what he or she is discussing in class
- **ENCOURAGE** them to apply what they are learning to their daily lives
- **MODEL** good faith practices in your family
- **ACKNOWLEDGE** the importance of completing home assignments: it shows that you believe what your child is doing and learning is important
- **PRAY** with your child and as a family every day
- **VOLUNTEER** in your child's classroom and in your parish, modeling a spirit of community.

## Parent's Commitment

**As a parent, I/we understand that certain responsibilities require our continuous support if our children and the parish community are to grow in faith. We agree, therefore:**

- a. to regular Mass attendance to help our children develop a strong faith commitment**
- b. to ensuring our child's attendance at class so that our child/children can develop a solid knowledge of the Catholic faith**
- c. to adhere to all rules & regulations regarding timeliness, attendance, safety and drop-off and pick-up procedures**
- d. to attend all required meetings and gatherings**
- e. to active involvement in our child's faith formation (attending Mass, praying w/them)**
- f. to make a diligent effort to give the gift of our time, talent & treasure to the parish, including volunteering and attending church events**

## Child's Commitment

**As a student, I promise**

- a. to come to my Religious Ed class ready to learn**
- b. to respect others**
- c. to listen carefully and follow directions**
- d. to be kind with words and actions**
- e. to respect all church and personal property**