

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM PARENT(S) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

As the parent(s) of a student in a Catholic Religious Education Program, I understand and affirm the following:

1. The primary purpose of a Catholic Religious Education is to form students in the values of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church.
2. Catholic Religious Education Programs are distinctive religious education establishments operated as programs of the Catholic Church; they are administered and supported by the sponsoring parish, and the diocese.
3. Catholic Religious Education Programs are a collaborative faith effort between the Religious Education Program, the parents, and the students.
4. While academic excellence and involvement in other extracurricular activities (i.e., sports, clubs, etc.) are important, committing to the schedule of the Religious Education Program is the fundamental priority.
5. The Religious Education Program and its Coordinator have the responsibility to ensure that Catholic values and moral integrity permeate every facet of the program's life and activities.
6. In all questions involving faith, morals, faith teaching, and Church law, the final determination rests with the diocesan bishop. As a parent/guardian desiring to enroll my child in a Catholic Religious Education Program, I accept this memorandum of understanding. I pledge support for the Catholic identity and mission of this program, and by enrolling my child I commit myself to uphold all the principles and policies that govern a Catholic Religious Education Program.

Saint Joseph Religious Education Attendance Policy
(First Through Eighth Grade)

1. **Students will now be required to attend at least 80 percent of ALL Religious Education classes.** This means that for the 2020-2021 Religious Education year, students will be allowed a total of FIVE (5) "ABSENCES" without penalty, and therefore no verification (such as a doctor's note) is needed.
2. Students who are more than 15 minutes late, or leave more than 15 minutes early will be marked as "LATE." Three occurrences of being "LATE" will equal ONE "ABSENCE."
3. If a student exceeds the total number of allowable "ABSENCES", they will have to repeat that grade level.
4. ONLY IN GENUINE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES (such as a serious illness or a death in the immediate family) will exceptions be made to this attendance policy. ANY exceptions that are made will be at the discretion of both the Pastor and the Coordinator of Religious Education.

I have read the above policies of the Saint Joseph Religious Education Program. I understand the terms of these policies and agree to abide by them. I acknowledge that failure to comply with these policies could lead to corrective action up to and including dismissal from the program.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Media Release:

We at Saint Joseph Parish are proud of the many great accomplishments that happen within the Religious Education Program, and we want to be able to share these great moments with you! By signing this release, you grant us permission to photograph and/or video your child or children during their Religious Education classes, and to use those photos and videos on our parish website, Facebook page, print publications, and future Religious Education promotion. The majority of the photos and videos taken are in either small or large groups, and we DO NOT publish students' names in order to protect their privacy. Saint Joseph Parish respects either decision regarding this matter.

_____ **I GIVE permission to have my child or children photographed or videoed.**

_____ **I DO NOT give permission to have my child or children photographed or videoed.**

Parent Signature: _____