



Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
Religious Education

Acceptable Use and Responsibility Policy for Electronic
Communications

Our vision for the use of technology for student learning is as follows:

We seek to improve teaching and impact student learning through the effective implementation of technology. Our vision is to impact student Spiritual learning through the implementation of technology that is innovative, engaging, and meets the needs of all learners.

STA believes that all students should have access to technology when they act in a responsible, efficient, courteous and legal manner. Internet access and other technologies available to students and teachers, offer a multitude of global resources. Our goal in providing these services is to enhance the educational development of our students.

Responsible uses of technology are devoted to activities that support teaching and learning. The following statements signify our agreements about the use of technology at STA:

As a student at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Catechesis...

- I will not harm other people or their work.
- I will not interfere with the operation of the network.
- I will respect copyright laws. I will properly cite sources.

- I will not seek, view, send, or display offensive messages or media.
- I will not share my passwords with another person or ask another person for their passwords.
- I will not waste limited resources such as disk or server space, bandwidth, or printing capacity.
- I will not trespass in another's folders, work, or files.
- I will not use my personal web site accounts or any personal electronic device at school except with the permission of a staff member.
- I will notify an adult immediately if by accident I encounter materials that violate the rules of responsible use.
- I will not use any form of electronic communication during Catechetical class session/meeting hours without appropriate permission from parish staff. "Electronic communication" means a communication transmitted by means of an electronic device including, but not limited to, a telephone, cellular phone, computer, iPods or other mp3 or audio-video players and cameras.
- I will not use any form of electronic communication to harass, intimidate, or bully anyone. Any form of bullying or harassment will result in immediate suspension from the program. Repeated issues with bullying/harassment will result in removal from the Parish program.
- I will not attempt to access the Internet via any connection that bypasses St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church's firewall and Internet content filters. This includes cellular service through wireless service providers.
- I will not watch videos, listen to music or play games on my iPad during Catechetical class/meeting hours without teacher permission.
- I understand that my electronic communications at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church are not private and can be monitored by the Parish staff.
- I understand that students are not allowed to search or view content on YouTube without authorization of teachers.
- I understand that students are not allowed to take photos or videos of other students without the consent of the teachers.

- I understand that students are not allowed to record classroom lessons or activities without the permission of the teachers.
- I understand that these expectations of responsible use apply to any and all times I am in the care of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.
- I am prepared to be held accountable for my actions, for the loss of privileges, or may experience other appropriate consequences if these rules are violated.

Monitoring and Infractions

To ensure the learning and safety of students at all times, the use of student devices and Zoom is limited to educational purposes during Catechetical class lessons/meetings. While in lessons/meetings, students are not permitted to use iMessage, AirDrop, FaceTime or any form of video calls or chat, text messaging or social media on any device. Students who are off task or who choose not to use devices appropriately will be subject to progressive disciplinary action, including the following:

- First Infraction: parent meeting with director of Religious Education
- Second Infraction: parent meeting with director of Religious Education and Father John or Father Justin

NOTE: Multiple or serious infractions or willful disregard of school rules may result in suspension or removal from the Parish program.



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I have read and agree to the following conditions set forth by the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).

Student Name(s) and Grade(s)/Program(s) (Please
Print):

Parent Name (Please Print):

Parent Signature:

Date: _____