

Agreement between the Parish and Parents of Religious Education Students

What the Parish expects from parents:

1. The process of Christian Initiation begins with Baptism, and continues with the child's reception of Reconciliation (Penance), First Communion and Confirmation. We expect that a child will begin formal religion classes at least by first grade (but preferably in preschool and kindergarten) and will attend each year until Confirmation.
2. Since the parish's role in religious education is meant to complement and fulfill the religious attitude and practice experienced with the family, we expect that minimally, the child is attending Mass regularly. We can postpone reception of the Sacraments until the child and parent resume regular attendance at Mass.
3. We expect that parents will support the religious education program by:
 - (a) Registering and paying program fees on time. In the case of **financial difficulty**, we will expect you to VOLUNTEER your time to the program in lieu of payment. You may choose from several functions or become a classroom aide. (Please check one of the boxes below)
 - (b) Making sure that children attend each week.
 - (c) Attending Required Parents Meetings.
 - (d) Notifying the Religious Education Office when a child needs to be absent, and contacting the teacher for make-up work.
 - (e) Talking with the child about his/her experiences in class.
 - (f) Keeping communication open when there is a problem or disruption that needs to be addressed.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Parents we need your help

to continue offering quality religious education experiences for our children and in a safe environment. We are not asking for financial support but rather **your time and talent**. Please choose one area where you think you can help this year. Parents in financial difficulty please see **3a** above.

Teacher (Tuesday eve.) _____ Teacher aide (Tuesday eve.) _____

Teacher (Wed. aft) _____ Teacher aide (Wed. aft.) _____

Substitute _____

Grade 10 in home leader _____

Retreat (Penance) _____ (Feb 2019)

Retreat (Communion) _____ (April 2019)

Please note: Teachers **DO NOT** pay tuition for their children in the program and we offer help in preparing you to teach.