



Circle One:

- 1. Our family is registered/active members of Queen of Peace? (Attends mass on a regular basis) Yes or No
- 2. Do your children attend: Public School, private catholic, private non-catholic, home-schooled
- 3. Our program needs your help to succeed. I am willing to Teach/Assist/Substitute. Yes or No

**PUBLICITY RELEASE/PHOTOS:** From time to time, publicity releases for the parish bulletin, website, newspaper and other media outlets may be prepared about events occurring at the parish. I do \_\_\_ do not \_\_\_ give permission for my child's name and or photo to be included in such releases.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:**\_\_\_\_\_

*Please read and initial each section below:*

\_\_\_ I/We understand that religious, spiritual formation of the family takes place when we gather as a catholic community to worship. As part of my responsibility for the religious education of my children, I commit and promise that my family will regularly attend Saturday/Sunday Mass.

\_\_\_ I/We are aware that when our children were baptized we made a promise to be the primary teachers of their faith formation.

\_\_\_ I/We as parents/guardians of child/ren registered in the Queen of Peace religious education program understand that we are responsible for helping our child/ren attend classes on time, have a respectful attitude and follow the rules and guidelines of the program.

\_\_\_ I/We have read and reviewed the Parish Policy for Religious Education with our child. We fully understand that our cooperation is required for a successful program and intend to follow these rules to make it successful.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for being members of Queen of Peace Catholic Church Community. We look forward to working with you and your children for the upcoming 2011-2012 religious education school year. I ask that you keep our program and our catechists in your prayers.

Our program's success is dependent on a dedicated volunteer staff. This ministry requires support in many capacities; teachers, assistants, substitutes, guest speakers, etc. Even the simplest support offers tremendous rewards. Please think about helping our program.

**The family is the PRIMARY community where faith is shared and nurtured in our children and youth.** The church community provides SUPPORT in forming our young Catholics. Therefore, the goal of our Faith Formation Programs is: ***active learning as the basis of active faith.*** This year your children will be responsible for learning different prayers and/or tenets of the Catholic faith. They will review these in class, but it will be the primary responsibility of the parents to work with their child. If your child does not learn these by the end of the year, they may be held back. These will be sent home with your child after the first class.

During the course of the year if any of your personal information changes (address, contact #, etc.) please submit the new information in writing or email to me so that the information can be updated in our system.

Sunday mornings can be very hectic. A lot of our teachers and children attend either the 8:30 mass or the 10:30 mass. It is crucial that your children make it to class immediately following the 8:30 mass. Please encourage your children to eat breakfast before coming to class. Food will not be allowed in the classrooms. As I stated before many of our teachers attend the 10:30 mass, so please be considerate of their time and pick your child up at 10:25 from their classroom.

Other policies and procedures can be found on the following pages. Please read through these carefully with your children. After you have read and reviewed these policies with your child please sign and date at the bottom of the second page of the registration form.

I greatly appreciate all of your support, cooperation and prayers. If you have any questions regarding the policies, sacramental classes or RE classes please call and set up a time to discuss your questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,

Victoria Stirek

# **Queen of Peace Catholic Church-Parish Policy for Religious Education**

## **Respect**

Students are expected to fully cooperate with the teachers, staff and each others at all times. No disruptions during class or any other activity will be tolerated.

## **No Cell Phones or Electronics**

Students are not allowed to have cell phones or electronics in their possession while participating in any of our religious programs. If you MUST contact your child please call the parish office.

## **Attendance**

Please make every effort to get your child to class regularly and on time. Sunday classes are from 9:30-10:25. If you are late picking up your child students will be supervised in the library until an adult picks them up. Please be considerate of the teacher's time and pick your child up no later than 10:25. Wednesday evening classes begin at 7:00 and end at 8:30. The last 15 minutes of class is held in the social hall. This is a time for fellowship, announcements and prayer. Students are required to stay until the end of class. If your child misses class it is the responsibility of the parent to find out what your child missed on that day. Attendance policy for sacramental years will be reviewed during the first parent meeting.

## **Protection of Children**

In compliance with the Diocese, students are required to have annual safe environment for children education session. Parents will be notified of the date and time.

## **Sacramental Years**

Sacramental students must be up to date in their religious education. Participation in classes, mandatory parent meetings, retreats and service hours is mandatory.

## **Discipline**

It is our policy to discipline with love and understanding. Catechists will have class guidelines that reinforce Christian attitudes. However, catechists are volunteers and are not expected to handle serious or ongoing discipline problems. Students who choose to ignore requests to modify their behavior in the classroom will be sent to the office. The first time a student is sent to the office, behavior expectations will be discussed with the student. If the problem persists, parents will be called. If there is no improvement and the student continues to be a disruption to the classroom, they will be dismissed from the program.

## **Parent Responsibilities**

The primary responsibility for Faith Formation of children belongs to their parent.

Parents are responsible for:

- Supporting the programs policies, catechist and administration.
- Modeling and supporting their children's practice of the Catholic faith
- Requiring their children to attend classes and complete assignments.
- Insist that their children obey the rules and principles of good behavior
- Discussing problems confidentially with the appropriate staff member, avoiding public criticism of catechists and program policies.
- Following the policies and procedures as stated above.

## **Student Responsibilities**

- Attend classes on a regular basis; homework, sporting events, and exams are not reasons to miss.
- Follow the program policies.
- Be prepared for class with any materials requested of you by the teacher and complete any assignments.
- Show respect for your classmates and all teachers that help with the RE program.