

PARENT'S CREED

I WILL teach my child, by my example, to actively participate in the liturgy of the Catholic Church by regularly attending and actively participating in Sunday and Holy Day Mass and by regularly receiving the sacraments of my church.

I WILL prepare myself for my role as primary religious educator of my child by attending adult education programs in my parish and the local Church, by reading and keeping updated on issues and concerns of my faith, and by prayerful reflection on my role as a Christian parent.

I WILL help my child to understand that religious education and faith development are life-long processes of the utmost importance.

I WILL do my best to support learning in the religious education program by developing a Christian spiritual life at home. This will include family prayer, Bible study, service to others, etc.

I WILL teach my child that religion is more than a 75 minute per week commitment by becoming involved, to the best of my ability, in the various ministries and organizations in my parish and by living a committed Christian lifestyle.

I WILL encourage and discipline my child as required so as to provide proper preparation of homework prior to class; to arrive at class on time; to pay attention in class; and to behave in a manner that will not interfere with the teacher's work or classmates' attention.

I WILL encourage my child by my willing attendance at parent meetings concerning our parish religious education program and my child's sacramental preparation.

I WILL encourage my child and our parish religious education faculty by my enthusiastic attendance at Orientation and other special programs to which I am invited.

I WILL support our religious education staff, faculty, and students through prayer and cooperation.

REGISTRATION & FEES

Registration for early childhood and grades 1-8 is held at St. Peter's in the summer of each year. It is important that we know by the end of August how many students will be enrolled in each class so as to adequately recruit faculty members and order sufficient texts and supplies. Classes, which are held in the school building, are as follows:

Early Childhood (3 and 4 year old) and Grades K-8: Sundays – 9:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.
Information regarding Sacraments for children [click here](#).

Fees for students whose parents are registered parishioners in St. Peter Parish are: \$50 for 1 child, \$90 for 2 children, \$120 for 3 and \$170 for four or more children. There is a \$10.00 fee for all children enrolled in the Sacramental Preparation Grades. Fees are due at Parent Orientation.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Students are expected to attend classes on a regular basis. Any absence is to be reported to the School of Religion Office during the day between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or 30 minutes before classes begin by phoning 937-237-3516. Parents will be contacted after the second consecutive unexcused absence. Students in sacramental class (grade 2 and 8) who have 2 consecutive unexcused absence from class will be required to meet with their parents and the School of Religion directors before being allowed back in class.

Students should be in class a few minutes prior to the time class begins. This is especially important for maximum learning time since classes are held only once per week. Students arriving late for class should go directly to their classrooms. If parents desire their child to be released early from class, the child should give the teacher a note, signed by the parent, and the parent should pick up the student in the classroom.

Suitable clothing for a learning situation is expected. Soccer/football shoes are not permitted in the school building.

Gum and food and drinks are not permitted in the building, unless specified by the teacher.

TEXTBOOKS

Each student may receive at least one textbook, plus other possible class resources. This is the student's own book. Some teachers may require the students to leave their books in the classroom for the year and as the books have perforated pages they will bring home the lessons from the week. Students are to bring their text and other class resources to each class if they take them home. If a student loses the text during the year, parents will be billed for a replacement. For information regarding specific curriculum used [click here](#).

ASSIGNMENTS

Students are expected to come to class each week having completed any assignment given them by their teacher. The main aim of our parish religious education program is to assist parents in their role as the primary religious educators of their children. Therefore, many assignments may include parental involvement. Parents are expected to work on their child's religious education in the home, and to cooperate with our teacher by seeing that their child is prepared each week.

COMMUNICATION

Several times during the year parents will receive a Religious Education Connection flyer. This bulletin outlines many aspects of our religious education program that are useful in carrying out your responsibility as primary educator. Many times each month students will bring home information from their teacher or the School of Religion. Please take time to go over this information. In this parish we also have the Education Connection Phone System. This allows us to call you to remind you of important events or changes in events. In January and May we send home Student Progress Reports. This is just an additional way to communicate with you.

Effective communication between home and teacher is always encouraged. If you have questions about a particular situation, please follow this procedure:

1. Discuss the matter with the individual teacher. If the matter is not resolved at that level,
2. Discuss the matter with the director. If the problem is not resolved at that level, then
3. Present the complaint in writing to the Pastor or call the Administrative Office for an appointment with the Pastor. The parent will then receive a written response.

DISCIPLINE CODE

Every student enrolled in St. Peter's religious education program has the right to quality education. This can only be accomplished in an environment where students respect each other's rights, as well as the rights of the faculty. Disruptive behavior on the part of any student before, during, or after class will not be tolerated on the premises. Smoking, chewing gum, candy, alcoholic beverages or drugs are not permitted on the premises by any student.

Each student is responsible for the condition of the desk and its contents used during the class time and it never necessary for the contents of any desk to be disturbed.. Students are supplied with necessary materials through the religious education program. At the start of each year, each teacher will set the rules for his/her class, taking into account the age of the students and the needs of the class. These rules, along with consequences (negative for misbehavior and positive for cooperation), will be clearly explained. Parents will be notified immediately of any persistent problems.

The School of Religion reserves the right, after consultation with the teacher, student, and parent, to withdraw from the program any student who, through chronic disruptive behavior, jeopardizes the quality education of other students in our program.

CANCELLATION OF CLASSES

In the event of severe weather, etc., cancellation of classes will be announced on the TV/radio stations. Please stay tuned on days of severe weather. **If the Huber Heights schools are canceled, there will be no classes that evening.** If we cancel classes in advance you will be called on from our Education Connection call recording or by your child's catechist.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

When dropping off and picking up students, parents and other drivers are expected to park in the marked places on the lot and to enter and leave the lot **SLOWLY**. Students may enter and/or exit from the front school entrance and from the west school entrance. Vehicles may enter at the east Chambersburg parish driveway or the Alter Road parish driveway. They can exit at the west Chambersburg parish driveway or the Alter Road parish driveway.

PLEASE PROTECT OUR CHILDREN BY COOPERATING WITH THESE GUIDELINES!