

Saint Ann Catholic Church “Foundations in Faith” Family Learning Agreement 2017 - 2018



Thank you for inviting us to join you as partners in the process of passing on the Catholic faith to your children! The Catechetical Team at Saint Ann Church honors our parents for the irreplaceable role you exercise as the primary educators in the faith life of your children. To maximize the effectiveness of this learning experience and to encourage a truly positive partnership in this ministry we join with you in committing ourselves to the following learning agreement:

We, the Catechetical Team of Saint Ann Church “Foundations in Faith” ministry, are committed to provide:

- a warm and welcoming atmosphere demonstrating our eagerness to share the Catholic faith and reflecting our experience of “the joy of the Gospel” of Christ
- a team who model the lived practice of the teachings of the Catholic faith, and who are aware of the developmental stages and needs of the students they teach
- well prepared and engaging lessons based on the Archdiocesan Course of Study for Religious Education
- a safe environment in fulfillment of Archdiocesan Child and Youth Protection policies and protocols
- a climate where respect is modeled and expected
- clear and prompt communication with parents/guardians if concerns should arise regarding a student’s behavior and participation

We, as parents of a child participating in the “Foundations in Faith” ministry, agree to:

- pray daily with our children, introducing and reviewing with them foundational prayers and practices (for example: The Lord’s Prayer, the Hail Mary, grace before meals, reading of Bible stories, lives of the saints, etc.)
- celebrate with our children every weekend the Eucharist at Saturday/Sunday Mass, on Holy Days of Obligation and participate in other gatherings of liturgical prayer
- review with our children the subject material learned in each session and ensure that assignments are completed for every session
- contact the catechist to receive make-up assignments and have the lessons completed and returned in case of illness or absence
- provide transportation to and from sessions, as well as the means and support for our children's attendance and participation at *all* “Foundations in Faith” sessions
- the understanding that, if three or more sessions are missed without sufficient conversation with the catechist and proper make-up of missed assignments, our student may be retained or sacramental celebrations delayed until our student is properly prepared and ready to progress. **Please contact Amy Rohan, Faith Formation Director, regarding any custody issues which may affect attendance**

I have read and agree with the above Family Learning Agreement:

Parent Signature : _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (*printed*): _____

As we look forward to a wonderful new season of growth and development in the spiritual life with our young disciples, helping them to grow strong in the “Foundations in Faith”, we entrust ourselves to God in prayer:

A Catechist’s Prayer

Father of all families, you have called me to serve the family in truth and love as a catechist. May I be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word, and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

May I use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope, and love, to serve the family as a witness to you, who are love and life and the source and destiny of all families. Let your Spirit enlighten my mind and strengthen my heart so that I can be a path of Christ’s love to families, especially those in need, the homebound and aged, the disabled and disheartened.

Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, I pray for the Church, the Bride of Christ, whose mission to build a civilization of love passes through the family.
Amen.

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