



# Church of the Little Flower Religious Education Program Faith Formation Commitment



As parents, we recognize that we are our child(ren)'s Primary Catechist, that is, their first educators in the Faith: *"Through the grace of the sacrament of marriage, parents receive the responsibility and privilege of evangelizing their children. Parents should initiate their children at an early age into the mysteries of the faith of which they are the "first heralds" for their children. They should associate them from their tenderest years with the life of the Church."*(CCC, 2225)

**Therefore, we commit to:**

- † Create a prayerful atmosphere in our homes.
- † Make the Religious Education of our child(ren) our **TOP PRIORITY** this school year.
- † Assist our child(ren) in their religious education, including, but not limited to, helping them learn their prayers and creating a habit of regularly practicing our faith at home.
- † Regularly attend Holy Mass with our child(ren)/family **every** Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.
- † Use our time, talent, and treasure in support of our parish, registering as members of the parish, using our offertory envelopes as a sign of our active participation within the parish community, and becoming involved in parish retreats, ministries, and other special formation events and activities.

**For families of students in sacramental preparation years:**

- † Attend all required meetings and/or parent retreats as part of our child(ren)'s sacramental preparation.
- † Ensure our child(ren) attends the required student sacramental retreat (Spirit Day or Jesus Day).
- We understand that a maximum of five (5) total absences are permitted over the course of the upcoming Catechetical Year for which we are registering our child. Excessive absences may result in automatic withdrawal from the program or the requirement to repeat a year of preparation.
- We understand that the Sacramental Preparation program requires a minimum of two (2) *consecutive* years of catechesis before any Sacrament may be conferred or celebrated.
- We understand that our Baptismal promise to raise our child in the Catholic Faith exceeds simply enrolling them in the Religious Ed program for their sacramental preparation and are committed to all of the above.

**We consent to the enrollment of our child(ren) in the COTLF Religious Education Program.**

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Child(ren) Name(s)

School Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
(i.e. 2023-2024)

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Mother's Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mother's Name

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Father's Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Father's Name