

Agreement Form for the Parent

On the day your child was baptized, you came to the Church asking Her to baptize your child. In response to your request the priest or deacon asked you this question, “You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him/her up to keep God’s commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?” You responded by saying Yes or We do.

Confirmation is the completion of the sacrament of Baptism. The Church takes seriously the promises made by parents for the well-being of their children. The promise you made was to train your child in the practices of the faith and to bring them up to keep God’s commandments.

The third commandment is to keep Holy the Sabbath. It is sad that so many children have stopped going to Mass and to religious education classes once they are confirmed. This is unfortunate because they put themselves in such grave risk, while parents stand silent. As Catholics, we have an obligation to attend Mass, not doing so is a mortal sin. Mass is not something we attend every once in a while, but we should attend every Sunday as well as Holy Days of obligation. You have a duty as well as the responsibility to continue to encourage your children in the practices of the faith, which includes attending Mass. If you believe your child is not prepared to make the commitment to attend Mass and to practice the faith, you should advise him/her to delay Confirmation until such a time that he/she is willing to do so.

Sacraments are not automatically given, just because someone asks for them or they reach a certain age or grade, does not guarantee the Sacrament will be given. The Sacraments are too important on so many levels, that it would not be fair to either The Body of Christ or your child to make a commitment to something that he/she has already decided not to practice in the future.

As the parent, I understand my duties and responsibilities both to my child and the Church and I acknowledge that my child understands what he/she is undertaking and is truly interested in deepening his/her Catholic Faith. I continue the promise I made at their baptism to do my best to raise my child in the practice of the faith as Christ has taught the Church and to keep God’s commandments.

Parent (Print Name)

Student (Print Name)

Parent’s Signature

Date