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FAMILY COVENANT- 2017

Absence Policy for Religious Education

Dear Families of St. Mary’s Parish Religious Education Program,

Our policy for attendance is the following: For students registered for the alternate week classes, two absences are permitted and if weekly classes are offered then three absences are permitted if there is a valid reason, such as an illness or a family circumstances beyond your control. We recognize that there are many after school activities and commitments for your children and we make every effort to provide classes that will meet your needs.

It is essential that children attend classes according to their scheduled times. For classes meeting every other week, two absences can cause a critical lapse in the lesson material. Missing one class means a child will fall behind unless his/her family takes the time at home to cover the lesson before the next class.

As agents for Christ and His Church, we are accountable for teaching the Truth and Traditions of our Catholic faith to your children and as parents you are responsible for insuring that your children complete the program for their benefit so that they will be able make good moral choices in their life and be good disciples. Our spiritual formation is a life long process and journey. We are committed to assist you in building the spiritual foundation for your child so that his/her journey results in a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

Please help us by signing the Family Covenant below which is a promise to commit your child to attend all their class sessions faithfully during the year. **This Covenant must be returned with your child’s Registration Form.**

I / We _____ promise to fulfill our obligation to
Name of parent / guardian – please print clearly
 bring our child or children to their assigned religious education classes during the year and to help them grow in their faith at home as a family. I/We also promise to contact the R.E. Office whenever our child is unable to attend class in order to receive instructions on how to continue their lessons at home. I/We understand the Absence Policy above.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____ 2017

Child’s Name: _____ Grade: _____