

Religious Education Program Guidelines

To ensure a safe, respectful, and faith-filled environment for all, students are expected to follow these guidelines:

- Respect for Others: Students must show respect and courtesy toward catechists, volunteers, and fellow students at all times.
- Active Participation: Students are expected to listen attentively, participate in discussions, and engage in all class activities.
- Punctuality and Preparedness: Students should arrive on time and come prepared with any required materials.
- Obedience to Authority: Students must follow all directions given by catechists and program staff promptly and respectfully.
- Catholic Conduct: Students are expected to demonstrate kindness, honesty, and self-control, reflecting Catholic values in their words and actions.
- Respect for Property: Classrooms, church spaces, and materials must be treated with care. Students are responsible for helping maintain a clean and orderly environment.
- Supervision and Safety: Students must remain with their assigned group and may not leave without permission from a catechist or staff member.
- Reverence: Proper behavior is expected during prayer and while in the church, showing respect for the sacred space.
- Completion of Work: Students should complete assignments and participate fully in their faith formation.

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in appropriate disciplinary action, including effecting the Sacramental process.

Behavior Strikes

To support a positive learning environment, the program follows a simple behavior “strike” system. A student may receive a strike for *repeated* disruptions, disrespectful behavior, or failure to follow directions. If a student receives multiple strikes over time, parents/guardians will be notified. Continued behavioral concerns may result in further action, including removal from class or a parent meeting to determine next steps. Our goal is always to guide students with patience and help them grow in both character and faith.