PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & AGREEMENT ~ 2025-2026

Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Religious Education program exists to help parents in their obligation to provide their children education in the truths and practices of their Catholic Faith.

1. I am registering my child(ren) in this Program to assist me in my obligation as their parent.

2. I will review my Parent Copy of the "Student Behavior and Code of Conduct" with my child(ren). Catechists will go over this form with Students as well and keep their signed copy in the classroom.

3. I agree to:

- Have my child arrive within 5 minutes of class start time & be picked up within 5 minutes of class end time and follow "Dropoff and Dismissal Rules" (see sheet).
- Notify the Religious Ed. office (361)643-3548 when I know my child will be absent; and after the missed class, will pick-up the **Class Handouts** from the front porch of the Religious Ed Building and help my child review and return them for class credit. *** Only 3 absences for the year are permitted for those in their two required Sacrament Years for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. (Max Absences is 6 with at least 3 made up for credit.)**
- In addition to attending Mass each week, regular prayer and study at home with an adult is necessary, to help each of our children develop a loving, personal relationship with Our Lord, Jesus Christ and to grow stronger in the practice of their Catholic Faith.
- Each of us will cooperate fully with all Religious Education Staff and Volunteers.
- No fees will be refunded after the first day of class. Religious Education workbooks are purchased with Registration Fees. Workbooks are yours to keep.
- Christian behavior is expected by everyone. I will be promptly notified of any kind of disruptive behavior by a child of mine, and in that event, I agree to sit in class with him/her OR take child out of class for that day. In the event of continued or serious offenses, the Director of Religious Education, may need to withdraw this child from the Program.

4. I acknowledge that:

- Weekly Class Handouts are the Spiritual Materials studied in the classroom:
  1) they keep parents informed about what is being taught to their children
  2) they encourage prayer and study at home
  3) they provide opportunities to share our Faith with family & friends
- K - 12th grade Students may obtain **Credit for Missed Classes!** Absent/Missed Work is placed on RE Bldg. Front Porch for Pickup. Class Handouts are completed at home with parent assistance & turned into Catechists within two weeks of the absence and/or prior to due dates.

Thanks for reviewing this Agreement and sharing it with your child(ren).
We're so excited and blessed to have your child in our Religious Education program!
We're looking forward to a wonderful faith-filled year together!

Jennifer Wicks, DRE (Director of Religious Education) and SEC (Safe Environment Coordinator)
Religious Education Office **(361) 643-3548, dre@olmcportland.com**

Student Behavior & Code of Conduct for Religious Ed Activities

⇒ ***ALWAYS follow Catechist & Staff directions****, including those given by Catechist & Staff that are not listed here.*

⇒ *Raise hand & wait to be called on* ***BEFORE speaking***

⇒ *Keep hands & feet to yourself (inside and outside of the buildings)*

⇒ *Take care of* ***bathroom needs*** *& finish outside food/drinks* ***BEFORE class begins***

⇒ *Keep from interrupting and distracting others*

⇒ *Leave electronic devices, games, etc.* ***at home***

Basic Dress Code Requirements

Modest dress is expected by everyone.

No hats/caps worn indoors.

Attire and other items containing an Anti-Christian message or those bearing alcohol/drug-related words/ graphics are not allowed.

⇒ ***All electronic devices*** *are to be turned OFF upon entering all church buildings and will be given to the Catechist/Staff. Devices will be returned to students upon dismissal.*

Code of Conduct for Youth

Youth participating in Catholic Church sponsored ministries, activities and programs in the Diocese of Corpus Christi will:

- ***Be responsible for learning*** *the discipline and teachings of the Catholic Church and choosing behaviors accordingly*
- ***Follow rules*** *established for the event, activity or program*
- *Act as* ***positive role models*** *for younger children and peers*
- ***Dress modestly*** *and appropriately*
- ***Act with respect*** *towards all persons, avoiding statements, language or behavior which is disrespectful or demeans another person*
- ***Help others***
- ***Be responsible*** *for learning to recognize, resist and report abusive behaviors involving themselves or other persons*
- *Practice and model* ***honesty****; and*
- ***Protect the property*** *of other persons*

PARENT COPY

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Grade/Class: _____ Day: _____