

### **Behavioral Code of Conduct for Children & Youth:**

This code is a general guideline regarding appropriate child behavior within the classroom or while on church grounds. Your child's grade level catechist will likely have additional behavioral expectations.

#### **Some General Norms of Appropriate Behavior...**

1. Children are expected to demonstrate the same behavioral skills required of them while in school:

- ☐ attentive listening
- ☐ respectful speech
- ☐ remaining seated & still unless directed to do otherwise
- ☐ keeping hands and feet to self (no improper touching of any kind)
- ☐ hand raising prior to speaking out loud
- ☐ respect for self, peers, and elders, etc.

Note: Children with special needs are expected to comply with their targeted behavioral goals –parents /guardians with such children are expected to meet with the grade level catechists and the Faith Formation Director to set expectations.

2. Students are expected to respect and take direction from the catechists who have been assigned positions of authority by the Pastor and the Faith Formation Director.

3. Students are expected to be especially respectful and reverent during class prayer and liturgical services.

4. Children of first grade age or higher are understood to be (more or less) responsible for their actions, and will be expected to assume the consequences for any inappropriate behavior.

5. Parents /guardians must personally escort their child /youth to his /her classroom. Children /youth will be released from their classrooms only when they are picked up. [This rule not only ensures your child's safety, but also allows for a consistent means of communication between you and your catechist.]

6. In the unlikely event that a severe behavioral problem arises with your child, he /she will be dismissed from the classroom to visit the Faith Formation Director. Depending upon the circumstances, you may be called upon to pick up your child immediately.