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CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE & PARENT GUIDE

At the beginning of Confirmation Preparation you will be given a Confirmation Candidate & Parent Guide. We ask all candidates and parents to thoroughly read through that guide. We encourage questions about the process and/or contents of that guide at any time.

CODE OF CONDUCT

At the beginning of the year small groups will establish a unique set of guidelines for small group success. Students and adults are expected to follow those guidelines while in their small groups.

All students and catechists who attend small groups are expected to:

- Treat each person (student and adult) with respect and kindness
- Engage in the activities and discussion each night
- Do their best to make their small group a place where all feel safe and welcome
- Make their small group time fruitful and meaningful by contributing and avoiding distraction
- Avoid the use of abusive language (i.e. name calling, using foul words, verbal bullying, etc...)
- Refrain from physical harm (e.g., fighting, use of weapons, etc...)
- Take care of the facility (i.e. picking up garbage, putting things back where they belong, taking responsibility for things that one might break, etc...)
- Do their best to be on time and avoid being excessively absent
- Remain on campus with one's small group, only leaving with proper permission
- Leave tobacco, other controlled substances, and any dangerous objects/weapons at home

DISCIPLINE POLICY

Catechists are not childcare providers nor are they professional educators. They are volunteers who give of their time to assist parents in passing on the faith to the young people of our parish.

The following steps will be used to handle discipline problems.

- Step I** The student will be verbally warned and asked to correct behavior.
- Step II** If the student does not correct his/her behavior, the student will be asked to leave the class and the problem will be addressed between the student and catechist. If the student agrees to correct his/her behavior, the student will be allowed back into class.
- Step III** If Step Two does not correct behavior, parents/guardians will be notified and a parent/guardian will need to accompany the student in the classroom until an agreement can be made between the supervising Youth Ministry Staff, the student and the parent/guardian before the student can return to class unsupervised.

A student may be removed from class if the situation does not improve.

No physical discipline or humiliation on the part of the catechist is ever permitted and will not be tolerated. Unsatisfactory or inappropriate student behavior will also not be tolerated.

SIGNATURES

We have read through, understand, and agree to adhere to the: Confirmation Candidate & Parent Guide, Small Group Code of Conduct, and Small Group Discipline Policy as stated above:

Candidate's Name (printed) _____ Grade _____

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____