

ST ANN CHURCH & HOLY SPIRIT CHAPEL CCD PROGRAM

PARENT AGREEMENT

OVERVIEW

As parents it is the duty, as undertaken as pledged in the Sacrament of Marriage and re-affirmed in the Sacrament of Baptism, that parents will raise their children in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church. As a church parish, our CCD program is designed to assist you in preparing and educating your child in the ways of faith. Parents are the first teachers of their children and it is with that in mind that we have structured our CCD program to where you, the parent, have the opportunity to work with your child in teaching and forming them in the ways of faith.

PARENT/GUARDIAN PARTICIPATION

In light of COVID-19, the catechetical portion of the programs, including testing, will be done at home. Other activities, such as Adoration and Youth Group will be required for certain grades.

In addition, we are implementing the Diocesan policy of parent cooperation as stated below:

An integral part of the education philosophy of St. Ann Church and Holy Spirit Chapel is the conviction that the CCD program assists the parents/guardians in carrying out their primary responsibility of providing for the religious education of their children. An ongoing positive working relationship between the parent/guardian and the religious program is critical for the success of the program and the students. As part of that working relationship, parents/guardians are expected to be involved as much as possible in the education of their children, to refrain from conduct which thwarts the orderly administration and operation of the program, to support and participate in the program activities, and to set a positive example for their children both at home and in the community. While the St. Ann Church and Holy Spirit Chapel CCD Program encourages constructive exchange of ideas, feedback and suggestions intended to foster the continued growth and improvement of the program, the Pastor and Director of Religious Education, are ultimately in charge of the CCD Program and the orderly administration and operation of that program including the policies and procedures implemented to achieve the goals of the CCD Program. St. Ann and Holy Spirit Parishes reserves the right to terminate the enrollment of any student in the event that (1) a positive working relationship between the CCD program and the parent/guardian no longer exists and/or is irreparably damaged or (2) that the parents/guardians have failed to provide the support, assistance, and example necessary for the religious education to which each child is entitled. Furthermore, failure on the part of any student and/or parent/guardian to abide by the rules and regulations of the program may result in the termination of that student's enrollment.

Our Confirmation program is a three (3) year program. All Confirmandi – Students being Confirmed this academic year – will be required to complete Service Hours. All students (9-11 Grade) should attend Mass regularly while enrolled in the program. They are also encouraged to join a liturgical ministry at either St. Ann's or Holy Spirit Chapel. It is the duty of the parents/guardians to see that the student does fulfill the prescribed requirements. Students who miss more than two classes, Sunday Masses, or do not complete the other requirements of the program without a valid reason (serious illness) determined by the DRE OR THE PASTOR WILL NOT REMAIN IN THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS & RULES FOR CCD PROGRAM

All CCD Students:

1. Students will arrive on time for scheduled activities and will be picked up on time.
2. Students and parents/guardians will conduct themselves in a courteous manner at all times.
 - a. Those parents/guardians and/or students not conducting themselves in a courteous manner may be subject to removal from the program.
3. This year we are implementing a dress code for youth activities on St. Ann's campus. Students will wear clothing that is appropriate for church. There will be no workout/athletic clothing allowed. Shirts will be collared, any shorts worn will be hemmed at the knees, blue jeans are discouraged, and flip-flops are not allowed.
4. Parents/guardians will ensure that the student(s) remain on task in their studies and proceed at the proper pace to ensure success.
5. Parents/guardians will assist the student(s) in the program as needed.
6. Students will be required to check-in their cell-phones and any other electronic devices that they may have on their person with the teacher prior to class time. They will be returned at the end of class.
 - a. Students found in possession of cell-phones or other electronic devices during class time will have those said devices removed and will be returned only after a meeting with the parent/guardian, moderator (teacher), student, and Director of Religious Education. Continued infractions may result in the dismissal of the student from the program.
7. If for any reason the student is removed from the program, FEES ARE NOT REFUNDED.

Elementary Students:

1. In light of COVID-19, the catechetical portion of the program, including testing, will be done at home.
2. It will be necessary for parents to assist their children in accessing the online program, and in keeping their children on pace to successfully complete the all of the assignments.
3. For 2nd Graders, and those other students receiving their 1st Communion this year, there will be additional scheduled classes at the Religious Education Building in order to prepare the students to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Schedules will be provided.
4. In addition to the at-home catechetical work, 5th through 8th grade CCD students will be required to attend Youth Group activities in the church, which will consist of one half-hour of instruction/guest speaker, and one half-hour of Eucharistic Adoration.
5. For students in 5th through 8th grade, the successful completion of our Religious Education program includes BOTH at home work and testing AND youth activity/adoration in the church.
6. If, for any reason, a student will be absent from a particular activity, or a portion of the session, the parents/guardians will give prior notice to the Elementary CCD Coordinator.
7. Excused absences include being sick (requires a doctor's note), family vacation, death of a family member.
8. There will be no make-up sessions for missed activities. The second (2nd) unexcused absence will be cause of the student being dismissed from the class, and the class being repeated the following year.
9. If a parent is in arrears to St. Ann's for the cost of textbooks issued and not returned, the St. Ann's reserves the right to cancel any online registration until such time as the monies owed are paid to St. Ann's.

Any questions for 1st through 8th grade CCD may be addressed to Mrs. Ginny Ardoin at elementaryccd@saintannmamou.org. For questions concerning High School CCD or the Confirmation Program please contact Mrs. Rebecca Ardoin at highschoolccd@saintannmamou.org.

STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE

By registering your child in our CCD Program, you affirm that you have read and understand fully the duties required of you by the CCD program. Additionally, I, the parent/guardian, affirm that I will follow the policies and will ensure that my child will also follow the policies set forth by the CCD Program.