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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) POLICIES
AND CODE OF CONDUCT

ATTENDANCE TO SUNDAY MASS

Attendance at Sunday (or the Saturday evening Vigil) Mass is an integral part of the Faith Formation Program. It is every Catholic family's duty to attend Mass every weekend, either in-person, or virtually on the [St Isaac Jogues YouTube channel](#).

It is contradictory for your child to be enrolled in the Faith Formation (PREP) programs and not attend Sunday (or Saturday evening vigil) Mass every weekend. Mass is a community celebration. Even more so, a *full, active, and conscious* participation at Mass is the reason for our Faith Formation Program.

CHILD DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

- Students must be walked inside the church or Parish Hall by their parent or guardian.
- Students must be picked up from their classroom on time.
- PREP sessions start with the community prayer service in the Parish Hall. Please arrive on time for the community prayer service, but please don't bring your student into the Parish Hall earlier than 15 minutes before the start time of the community prayer (4pm Sundays, 5:30pm Wednesday).

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to attend their weekly PREP sessions regularly. Students who incur a pattern of being absent or late to their class will be discharged from the Religious Education Program. In the case of a student being discharged from PREP due to being chronically late or absent, the parent or guardian will be asked to continue Faith Formation duties at home, using the materials and textbook provided by the Faith Formation Office when the student was originally enrolled.

CODE OF CONDUCT

In order for classes to be effective for all students, catechists will enforce the following code of conduct:

1. Follow the catechist's instructions, and listen to them while they are teaching.
2. Treat your classmates with kindness and respect.
3. Participate actively in your weekly class.
4. Do not chew gum inside any building.
5. If wearing a hat, remove it while inside any building.
6. Don't play with your chair. Keep chairs on all four legs while you are sitting.
7. Keep an 'indoor voice'. Disruptive talking, yelling, or screaming is not allowed.
8. Do not leave the classroom or the church property during class time.
9. Do not run while inside any building or while in church facilities.
10. Obscenities and profanities are strictly prohibited.
11. Always respect other people's person and property.
12. Do not take or borrow items that do not belong to you. If you need to borrow something, ask the owner or catechist first. Respect their decision to allow/not allow the borrowing of items.
13. Always respect the church property. Do not litter or vandalize any church property, furniture, decoration, supplies, books, bibles or study materials.
14. Follow all class rules set forth by your designated catechist.
15. Put your cell phone away during class time. This includes during the prayer service.
16. Until further notice, continue wearing face masks while on church premises.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Students who do not comply with the PREP Code of Conduct will receive the following disciplinary actions:

1. First Offense – Student will receive a warning from the catechist.
2. Second Offense – The PREP Coordinator will remove student from class for a "time-out."
3. Third Offense – The parent or guardian will be notified about the conduct issue.
4. Fourth Offense - Student will be discharged from class. The parent will be asked to assume Faith Formation duties at home, using the materials and text books provided by the Faith Formation Office when the student was originally enrolled.