



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Commitment Agreement

Household Name: _____

Child Name: _____

The St. John the Baptist religious education team is dedicated to helping you and your child(ren) on your *Walk With Jesus*. We promise to teach, guide and support your family as you continue your faith formation.

It is essential to keep in mind that the Church has always considered parents or guardians to be the primary educators in the formation of their child(ren)'s faith. In his 1994 Letter to Families, Pope John Paul II wrote: *"Parents are the first and most important educators of their own children, and they also possess a fundamental competence in this area; they are educators because they are the parents."* The role of the parents in their child(ren)'s spiritual formation is therefore critical. The work of SJB's religious education team is to assist you, not replace you.

The following list outlines our commitment to you and your family in your faith formation.

We, as the St. John the Baptist religious education team, promise the following:

- To welcome you and your family with an open heart and be available to help your family, whenever needed, on your spiritual journey.
- To offer a quality religious education program and be a resource for your family's faith formation.
- To provide opportunities for you and your child(ren) to love others as God has loved us through acts of charity and community outreach.
- To maintain open lines of communication about the religious education program including providing key program dates as well providing additional, at-home educational materials. We also promise to be responsive to questions and concerns.

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As the primary educators of your child(ren), we ask you to pledge to be faithful to the following commitments:

- To pray with your child(ren) daily and model prayer for them.
- To actively participate in Mass on Sundays (or Saturday evenings) as well as on Holy Days of Obligation.
- To attend religious education classes regularly.
- To participate in one faith formation retreat (Fall and Spring retreats are offered).
- To read Scripture and Bible stories with your child(ren).
- To teach your child(ren) the Catholic prayers, the Ten Commandments, The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit and other fundamentals of living a faithful life.
- To teach your child(ren) what it means to live a virtuous life, what sin and temptation are, and how to avoid them.
- To encourage your child(ren) to attend Confession regularly.
- To spend time, each week, as a family, putting aside digital technology and busy schedules in order to love one another unconditionally.
- To give back to others by helping St. John the Baptist with your time, talent, and treasure and participate in acts of charity and community outreach.

If you or a member of your family has a special need or request for faith formation, please list it here:

If you and your family agree to the above commitments, please sign and date this agreement:

Parent / Guardian Name (Print)

Parent / Guardian Name (Signature)

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Parent / Guardian Name (Signature)

SJB Representative (Print)

SJB Representative (Signature)

Date: _____