

PARENT RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT – FIRST SACRAMENT PROGRAM

As stated in The Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 2226:

"Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place of the catechesis of children and parents."

The Guardian Angels Faith Formation Staff along with the Pastor believe parents are the primary educators in the faith formation of young persons. As primary catechists of your children, you teach by the word and example of your everyday lives. It is important that you model the behavior and example you want your child/children to display. They need to know and experience ongoing Scripture study, regular participation in the Mass and Sacraments, care for the needy, and service to the community as an important part of your life.

As parents, we ask you to:

Stress the importance to your child of learning about his or her faith by talking about and taking an interest in what was done in the Sacramental Class. Model learning behavior by participating in adult education opportunities. Help your child actively practice his or her faith by attendance at Sunday Mass and daily prayer. Accept primary responsibility for the religious education of your child. Sacramental classes are a support to what is happening in the home to nurture the faith of your child. When books are sent home, they must be returned each week along with any assigned work. Reinforce the catechist's attempt to maintain a teachable atmosphere in the classroom. The catechist has a right to the respect of your child and proper conduct in the classroom.

A parent who would like their child to attend Guardian Angels Sacramental Program...

- 1. Must/should be a registered contributing member of the parish.**
- 2. Are responsible for providing the parish with information regarding the child's baptism and other sacraments as applicable. Children being enrolled in the Sacramental Program must present an original copy of their Baptismal Certificate. Please inform the office staff if your child was baptized at this parish, in which case it is not necessary to present a certificate.**
- 3. Attends Sunday Mass weekly with his/her child.**
- 4. Signs up for at least one Mass to carry up the gifts as a family.**
- 5. Takes responsibility for his/her role as primary catechist.**
- 6. Completes the textbooks as a family with your child**
- 7. Collaborates with the catechists in the program by sharing faith with the child at home and by making sure the child does any required follow up to the lessons taught in class.**
- 8. Teaches their child the traditional prayers of the Church at home.**
- 9. Maintains an open line of communication with their child's catechist.**
- 10. Brings their child to all scheduled meetings.**
- 11. Attends student / parent meetings when requested.**
- 12. Brings his/her child to class dressed appropriately, ready to participate with enough rest and nourishment and makes sure the child has gone to the bathroom, if needed, before class.**
- 13. Is supportive of the catechist especially in the area of discipline.**
- 14. Completes at least one service project as a family.**

I have received and reviewed the parental responsibilities for the Guardian Angels Sacramental Programs. I understand the responsibilities and intend to abide by them. I have also discussed the responsibilities with my child.

Parent Signature and date

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Student Signature and date