

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church CCE Parent Handbook

Classes for the 2017-2018 school year will begin on Sunday, September 10, 2017. Classes will be held as follows:

Pre-K thru 5 th Grade	Sunday mornings	8:30 – 9:45 a.m.
6 th Grade thru 11 th Grade	Wednesday Evenings	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Classes will begin and end promptly at the appointed time. Please show your child's teacher that you appreciate the effort they put into preparing for their classes by making every effort to have your child in class on time.

Pre-K thru Kindergarten Dismissal: For your child's safety and protection, a responsible party should pick up children in these grades in their classroom. Thank You.

Please remember that CCE classes are NOT A SUBSTITUTE for the Sunday Liturgy. Children should understand that worshipping with the parish community at Sunday Mass is an important part of their spiritual growth as Catholic Christians and is also a part of their CCE curriculum and must not be neglected.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are required to attend at least 80% of Religious Education classes at Sts. Peter and Paul. During the 2017-2018 school year, the following requirements must be met:

<u>Sessions</u>	<u>80% Required</u>
24	20

If your child is unable to meet these requirements for any reason, please contact me as soon as possible. If unforeseen circumstances arise and any student is unable to meet these requirements, the validity of the absences will be determined on an individual basis. Any conflicts arising over school/practice schedules should be resolved as soon as possible, as these are not considered a valid excuse for missing classes. A decision will be made by the DRE and/or the Pastor. Good attendance is required for receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation.

DICIPLINE POLICY

All CCE students must conduct themselves in accord of the standards of Christian charity, virtue, good manners, civility and due respect. **Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated** and the following guidelines will apply:

- First Offense – Verbal Warning
- Second Offense – Report to CCE office
- Third Offense – Parents will be contacted and not allowed to return to CCE unless a parent attends with them.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Cell phones and other electronic devices can be a distraction during class. These devices should be left at home. Adults, including catechists, are asked to turn off all electronic devices during sessions or large group events. CCE Teachers may hold all devices until the end of class if a youth is found using such a device.

RECONCILIATION

"Individual, integral confession and absolution remain the only ordinary way for the faithful to reconcile themselves with God and the Church..." (CCC#1484)

Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are renewed and recommitted to the Holy Spirit in our lives helping us to become more effective in reflecting Christ and His words of life and love to others. In this way we strengthen Christ's community which can continue His healing, saving, and loving work. Children wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation must be baptized and present a Baptismal Certificate (only if baptized outside of Sts. Peter and Paul parish), must be registered parishioners, be enrolled in CCE classes and have **successfully completed the prior year of CCE** (with a minimum of 80% attendance). Sacramental preparation classes are during second grade CCE classes. **A parent is REQUIRED to attend a MANDATORY meeting and complete assignments sent home.**

FIRST EUCHARIST

"Communion with the flesh of the risen Christ, a flesh 'given life and giving life through the Holy Spirit' preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace received at Baptism." (CCC#1392)

Jesus instituted the Eucharist within the Jewish Passover meal on the night before He died. In the Eucharist, we are united with Christ. Nourished by His Body and Blood and filled with His Holy Spirit, we become one Body, one Spirit in Christ. Preparation for First Eucharist is during the second grade CCE classes. The child must be baptized and present a Baptismal Certificate (only if baptized outside the parish), must be a registered parishioner, be enrolled in CCE classes and have **successfully completed the prior year of CCE classes** (with a minimum of 80% attendance). First Eucharist is usually celebrated the first weekend in May. **A parent is REQUIRED to attend a MANDATORY meeting and complete assignments sent home.**

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is the completion and fulfillment of our Baptismal promises. Through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, we become instruments of unity and maturity, displaying Christian witness and apostolic action.

Confirmation at Sts. Peter and Paul is offered to students in the tenth and eleventh grades and older. Those wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist and must attend Mass regularly. They must have successfully attended CCE classes for two years (with a minimum of 80% attendance) prior to the present year. Candidates are required to attend retreats, perform community service projects, and will be interviewed to determine their readiness to receive the sacrament. The Confirmation Program is separate from the regular CCE classes. Candidates **MUST** meet attendance requirements in their regular CCE classes and participate with the class as well as attend all Confirmation sessions. **Before candidates are able to commit to this preparation, they must attend an introductory meeting with at least one parent.**

SACRAMENTS FOR 3RD GRADE AND OLDER STUDENTS

Students in the third grade through high school who need to receive a Sacrament will be prepared in special CCE classes. The students must be baptized and present a baptismal certificate (only if baptized outside of the parish). The family must be registered parishioners. Students must be enrolled in CCE classes and have successfully completed the prior year of CCE classes (with a minimum of 80% attendance). Contact the DRE for special instructions.

Please read all the guidelines in the handbook. Sign and return this page so that we can keep a copy with your child's records. Return the signed copy by Sunday October 1, 2017. Thank you for your cooperation.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand all the information in the Sts. Peter and Paul, CCE Parent Handbook.

Parent's Signature

Date