

Educational Covenant 2011-2012

“Since parents have conferred life on their children, they have a most solemn obligation to educate their offspring. Hence, parents must be acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children. The Church reminds parents of the serious duty which is theirs of taking every opportunity - or of making the opportunity - for their children to be able to enjoy these helps and to pace their development as Christians with their growth as citizens of the world.”

(Declaration of Christian Education, Second Vatican Council)

“Parents are the most influential agents of catechesis for their children. They have a unique responsibility for the education of their children; they are the first educators, or catechists. They catechize primarily by the witness of their Christian lives and by their love for the faith... Their participation in the life of the parish – above all in the Sunday Eucharist – their willingness to evangelize and serve others, and their dedication to daily prayer demonstrate the authenticity of their profession of faith.... The catechesis given by parents with the family precedes, accompanies and enriches all other forms of catechesis.” (National Directory for Catechesis, US Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Parent/Guardian Covenant

Recognizing our most solemn obligation to educate our children in the ways of the faith, we hereby enter into this covenant with the Board of Education, administration and staff of the St. Jude Religious Education Program, to work cooperatively in providing for a quality program of faith formation for our children.

We agree to:

- Provide good example for our children
- Communicate Christian values and attitudes
- Provide opportunities to share in the sacramental life of the Church with our children, including Mass attendance on weekends.
- Provide for prayer opportunities for our children
- Ensure the regular attendance of our children at class
- Complete our financial obligations as set forth on the registration form

My signature indicates that I have read and agreed to everything set forth in this covenant. This covenant must be signed in order to register for Religious Education at St. Judes.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____