

Discipline Policies

The word discipline comes from the word *disciple*. The goal is not to look at discipline as a negative, but to view it as a positive as well. To help a person more closely follow as a disciple; in this case as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

All children need to be treated with respect. This respect includes the opportunity for each member of the class to be free to learn without disruption. In dealing with misbehavior, we have to put into place a discipline policy. This is to insure that all students will gain as much as possible from their time in class, and give support to their catechist. Please reinforce good behavior and respect with your child towards the teachers and fellow students.

In order to have the most effective program possible, it is imperative that each student show respect for the catechist and other students by behaving properly. Remembering that our catechists are most often not certified teachers, but rather generous adult volunteers who desire to share their faith and love with children, we must make every effort to remind our children of the behavior we expect in the classroom.

For each class, the catechist and students will set the ground rules. Some basic ground rules are:

- Students must be attentive and respectful in class.
- Students must treat other students and catechists with dignity and respect.
- Students must show respect for others and their property and possessions.
- Students must assist in keeping the classroom in order.
- No hats should be worn, no gum chewing, and no electronic devices are to be used in the classroom.

In addition to the Faith Formation office governing behavior of students, the catechist may add rules for the orderly maintenance of a safe learning environment in his/her respective classroom.

Please sign that you have received and understand these procedures, tear off this portion of the form and return to the Faith Formation Office.

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I have received, read, and understand the Church of St. Patrick Faith Formation Office Discipline Policies and Management Procedures.

Student and Parent(s) Signature

Date