# All Saints ~ Parish Religious Education Program Code of Conduct and Agreement 2023-2024 – keep for your files

# **Our All Saints Families**

Our  $\underline{\mathbf{P}}$ arish  $\underline{\mathbf{R}}$ eligious  $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$ ducation  $\underline{\mathbf{P}}$ rogram (PREP) is structured to provide catechetical instruction and knowledge of Catholic practices and rituals to all our children.

Families, by word and example, are the <u>primary teachers</u> of their children and teach them from birth through their entire life. At Baptism, families undertake the responsibility of providing for their children's faith formation.

The Religious Education Staff, Catechists, and Aides are here to assist families in the spiritual formation and ongoing moral development of their children through a formal program of *continuous* Religious Education.

By enrolling their child(ren) in the Religious Education Program at All Saints, families are expected to participate with their child(ren) in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays as well as Holy Days of Obligation. Families are also expected to participate in the sacramental life of the Church (specifically Reconciliation and Eucharist) and to include their children in these sacramental celebrations as the children are eligible to participate in them.

All students in our Parish Religious Education Program are expected to participate in Sunday Mass. Religious Education *cannot and does not substitute for the Sunday liturgy*. The commitment to attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation is especially important in the years in which a child is preparing to receive a Sacrament.

#### Mass & Confession Schedule

#### Weekday & Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday – 4::00PM Sunday – 8:00AM, 10:30AM Monday thru Friday 8AM First Saturday 9 AM

# **Confession Schedule**

Monday thru Friday after the 8AM Mass in church Wednesdays 4PM to 6PM on the porch Saturdays 2:30PM to 3:30PM in church Sunday 9:45AM to 10:15AM in church

Or Any Time by Appointment. Please call the Parish Office at 856-825-0021 to make an appointment.

# Submission of Assignments:

- Regular completion of given assignments is necessary for advancement to the next level.
- Consistent and timely submission of assigned work is necessary, especially during Sacrament Preparation years, in order for children to be ready to receive Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation.
  - O Diocesan Policy mandates that **two** (2) years of preparation are required prior to reception of a Sacrament.
  - o (i.e. In order for a child to be adequately prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Eucharist, a child must complete Foundations and Sacraments level of Religious Education. To receive Confirmation, minimal enrollment and completion of Apostles and Pentecost levels with the prior reception of the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist is required. The reason being, Confirmation may be scheduled by the Bishop any time in the Fall or Spring. (*Though we usually do have it in the*

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Fall after the student has completed Pentecost Level) To assure the two (2)-year Diocesan guidelines are met, realizing that the Bishop may come at any time during their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, preparation for Confirmation begins in the Apostles level and continues until Confirmation during the Pentecost year.)

# **Conduct & Discipline**

The PREP offered by All Saints is designed to assist Families with the faith formation of their children, as well as foster values and behaviors that are in accord with the Catholic Church teachings

#### **Student Code of Conduct:**

Students must always act appropriately. They must always show respect to all their brothers and sisters in Christ. The list of our brothers and sisters in Christ includes, but is not limited to: <u>Priests, Deacons, Catechists, Aides,</u> Parish Staff, Religious Education Staff, other volunteers, Families, Parishioners, and fellow students.

#### **Discipline:**

Every person is worthy of being treated with care and the respect fitting one made in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, behavior needs to be characterized by genuine Christian care, mutual respect, and honesty.

### **Building Usage Rules:**

All Saints Parish Complex includes the school building and the church. Classrooms on the 2nd will be utilized this year as well as the Parish Hall on the first floor. All entrance will be through the new doors facing the parking lot. Please note there will be a member of the parish safety available to buzz students in.

- 1. Food is <u>NOT</u> permitted outside of the Parish Hall. Please finish eating and drinking before going upstairs. (This includes gum)
- 2. Students are NEVER allowed to write on parish property, i.e. desks, books, bathroom walls, etc. These are serious offenses and will not be tolerated.
- 3. Cell phones must be turned off or silenced while in any building of the Parish complex.

# **Communication with Families:**

All communication with families will be done primarily via **e-mail**. Information will also be posted on the Parish website: www.allsaintsnj.org under "**Events**" (Announcements) and under "**PREP**." Please be sure that we have a current and correct e-mail and phone number on file. **If either should change, please contact the Parish Office immediately.** 

Since most communication will come through e-mail, please be sure to check your e-mail on a regular basis.

# **Parish Staff and Contact Information**

Mary Anne Serra 856-825-0021 mserra@allsaintsnj.org

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# **Acknowledgement Page 2023-2024**

# Please sign and return this page to Mrs. Serra

We have read the All Saints Parish *Religious Education Code of Conduct and Agreement* and reviewed the contents with our child(ren).

By our signatures, we agree to support and cooperate with the given policies and procedures of All Saints PREP.

Student(s) Names:	
Parent(s) or Guardian(s) -	Sign and return this page
Name Printed:	
Signature:	
Name Printed:	
Signature:	
Date:	