



## **Covenant**

### ***St. Anthony-Nativity Parents and Parish: Partners in Faith***

Summer Religious Education – 2019

The family, like the church, is the place in which the Gospel is transmitted and from which it extends. (*EN 71*) Thank you for all the ways you are daily teaching your children about the God who loves them by the loving and forgiving ways you share life in your family. We affirm your commitment to pass along the ways of our Catholic faith to your children.

As you know, a most important aspect of continuing faith formation is weekly participation at Sunday liturgies. Children learn best by example. Parents teach their children as they worship at Mass every weekend.

In addition to your child(ren)'s participation in the Summer Religious Education program at St. Anthony and Nativity parishes, it is important to maintain during the rest of the year the continuity of your child's faith formation as well as his/her ongoing connection to and identification with our parish. To that end and to further support you in the faith formation of your children, St. Anthony's and Nativity invites you to enter into the following covenant.

#### **St. Anthony-Nativity Parents**

Recognizing our solemn obligation to form our children in ways of the faith, we enter into this covenant with St. Anthony Parish and Nativity Parish, to work cooperatively in providing for the faith formation of our children. Parents understand that the summer program is a condensed learning experience. It is essential that students attend class every day during the summer session. We promise to:

- Send child(ren) to each Summer Religious Education session.
- Participate weekly as a family at weekend mass.
- Participate as a family in the fall Generations of Faith session (Nov. 6).
- Participate as a family in the Advent Prayer Service (Dec. 4) and Ash Wednesday liturgy (Feb. 26).
- Send 6<sup>th</sup> graders to DAVA presentation (Jan. 29.)
- Participate as a family in the Lenten Reconciliation Service for families (Mar. 11).
- Participate as a family in at least one of the Triduum liturgies (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil – Apr. 9-11.)

#### **St. Anthony Parish-Nativity Parish**

Recognizing our solemn obligation to provide formation in the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, we enter into this covenant with the parents of children who participate in the Summer Religious Education program to work cooperatively in providing for the faith formation of our children. We promise to:

- Provide quality Sunday Eucharistic liturgies, celebrations of sacraments and other times of praise and worship.
- Provide quality intergenerational faith formation opportunities for families.
- Be good stewards of your tithes and offerings.
- Provide quality materials and suggestions during the year for enriching the faith experience at home.

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**Families with children in Sacramental preparation (Grade 2)**

Recognizing this important time of preparation in our child(ren)'s and family's life additionally promise to:

- Attend the First Reconciliation Parent Meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.
- Participate (with their student) in the Reconciliation Centers in October 2019 in O'Malley Hall.
- Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by participating in the Reconciliation service on Thursday, December 12, 2019.
- Attend the First Eucharist Parent Meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2020.
- Participate (with their student) in the Eucharist Centers in March 2020 in O'Malley Hall.
- Participate (with their student) in the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Practice on Friday, April 24, 2020 (St. Anthony's)/Saturday, May 2, 2020 (Nativity).
- Celebrate the Sacrament of Eucharist on either Sunday, April 26, 2019 (10:30 AM), Saturday, May 9, 2020 (4:00 PM), or Sunday, May 17, 2019 (8:30 AM) at St. Anthony's/Sunday, May 3, 2020 (9:30 AM) at Nativity.

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Coordinator of Religious Education \_\_\_\_\_

Faith Formation Commission Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_