

**Partnership Agreement /Contract Between
Paducah Catholic Community Faith Formation
And Our Faith Formation Families**

On the Part of Our Faith Formation Parents

- 1) We promise to make prayer a part of our family life and experience at home and strive for an awareness of Christ's presence at the center of our family life. We'll help each other memorize certain prayers and faith-related concepts and understand what they mean. We'll encourage each other to pray daily, and we'll provide means within our household to make that possible, such as the Bible, prayer books, sacred spaces, occasional quiet times, and signs of our faith. Every night before bed, we'll pray together as a family and offer one another a simple blessing: "Good night. God bless you. I love you."
- 2) We promise to be always present and participate actively in the life of our local parish, celebrating Mass as a family on Sundays and holy days, and joining in other special activities. After Mass, we'll continue to observe Sunday as a "day off" from regular life. For example, we will postpone shopping and work as much as possible and try to do something together as a family, such as a meal, which extends the celebration of the Mass into the rest of our lives.
- 3) We promise to get actively involved in Faith Formation by coming to each of my children's classes one Wednesday evening per semester, volunteering occasionally to help the classroom, assist with service projects and special celebrations, or to help the catechists in any way needed.
- 4) Wednesday evening is set aside only for Faith Formation classes. We promise to make this a priority. We also promise that our children attend Faith Formation classes regularly. If there are times they need be absent, we will inform the office promptly.
- 5) We promise to seek sacramental preparation through our local parish when our children are ready to become more fully initiated into the Church.
- 6) We understand that the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation is **not** the end of Faith Formation classes for our children. We promise to ensure and encourage our children to attend Faith Formation classes regularly after they have become a confirmed member of our Catholic community.
- 7) We promise to inform the Director of Faith Formation and Catechists of any issues that may arise which will affect the faith-life of our children, and to keep in touch with the Catechists concerning our children's ongoing growth in faith.
- 8) We promise to work with our children's Catechists to deal with discipline problems, and seek consultation with the Director of Faith Formation should concerns arise which need to be addressed.
- 9) We promise to reach out to people in our Faith Formation Family whom we do not particularly know. We promise to avoid gossip, to spend effort and time to know these people better, to help, support, affirm and encourage them.

Signature of Parent/Caregiver _____

On the part of Paducah Catholic Community Faith Formation

We, the Staff and Board Members of Faith Formation, speaking on behalf of all, make the following promises to you as a family:

- 1) We will always welcome you as an important member of our Faith Formation Family. We will maintain an open door and an open heart to you, and we'll offer you a share in the grace of Christ which fills our Faith Formation program.
- 2) We promise to offer your children a quality religious education program. We will use instructional materials approved by the local bishop and faithful to the wider Catholic Christian church.
- 3) We promise to provide a safe Christian learning environment in which your children can grow in faith.
- 4) We promise to provide your children respectful and supportive Catechists who genuinely care for your children.
- 5) We promise to provide ongoing formation for Catechists to help them be prepared for their work, become competent, confident, skilled and truly effective "echoes of faith" in their own life and to your children.
- 6) We promise to provide your children with well-prepared lessons which communicate the truths of the faith in an age-appropriate fashion suited to the needs of the learners.
- 7) We promise to give you clear and timely communication from the Director of Faith Formation and Catechists regarding classes and special activities.
- 8) We promise to provide you opportunity for meeting or conference with the Director of Faith Formation, Priest-Pastor and Catechists with any concerns in relation to the faith-life of your children.
- 9) We promise to give you opportunities to become involved in your children's Faith Formation classes.
- 10) We promise to give you the necessary help for the sacramental preparation of your children. We will coordinate with your local parish when your children are ready to become more fully initiated into the Church.
- 11) In general, we're here for you and your children, to help deepen and affirm your faith and your Way of Life. We promise to provide your children the necessary learning climate, instructional resources, prayer opportunities and experiences they need to help them live within your household according to the Christian Way of Life.