

St. John the Evangelist Church
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION POLICY

1. Parents are to take an active role in the religious education of their children being the *“first heralds of the mysteries of the faith for their children.”* (CCC #2225) CCD is to *supplement* the teachings of faith received at home.
2. Students should attend Mass each Sunday as an integral part of their religious education.
3. Religious education should be considered just as essential as the student’s regular school studies, therefore, homework and related projects should be given the same importance.
4. Students are expected to attend CCD classes each year if they are not enrolled in a Catholic school.
5. Regular attendance is necessary for the student to receive maximum benefit of religious education classes. Students not meeting an 80% attendance rate may be required to repeat the grade if they cannot demonstrate a competent level of knowledge of the class material. If there are extenuating circumstances, parents must notify the CCD Coordinator to make arrangements for the student to make up classes missed.
6. Students not attending CCD on a regular basis may be required to demonstrate knowledge of the Catholic faith at their appropriate grade level prior to advancing to another grade. Additional study resources and tutoring may be provided if necessary.
7. Sacraments will be administered according to the Sacramental Policy of the parish.
8. All students are expected to respect the property of others and conduct themselves in a Christian manner within the classroom and outside the classroom.
9. Parents are asked to bring younger students (preschool – 2nd grade) to the classroom and teachers will release these students to the parents or an older sibling after class. The Religious Ed Dept has a responsibility to keep your children safe and we need your assistance.
10. Discipline problems will be addressed as follows:
 - 1st offense – teacher will handle within the classroom
 - 2nd offense – student will be referred to CCD Coordinator
 - 3rd offense – conference with student, CCD Coordinator, parents, teacher
 - 4th offense – student may be suspended from CCD program for remainder of year
11. No child will be denied attendance at CCD classes because fees are not paid. Parents should contact the CCD Coordinator or the priest to have the fees waived. Fees collected help to cover the materials, books, and other expenses of the CCD program.