

Confirmation Program Behavior Contract

St. Agnes & St. Rose of Lima Parishes

Confirmation Candidates are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which demonstrates our Catholic-Christian values and morality. Everyone who attends Confirmation class is encouraged to participate actively and required to behave appropriately, so that all participants will get the most out of their experience. Confirmation Candidates and their parents must read and agree to the following, in order to continue attending Confirmation classes and 6:00 PM Sunday Mass.

Expectations

- Candidates will arrive on time and will not leave until the end of the session unless a parent has previously notified the church.
- Candidates will be respectful of all church property.
- Candidates will dress appropriately. No inappropriate t-shirts, low-cut shirts, crop tops, hats, etc.
- Candidates will not use cell phones during class or Mass unless instructed to use them for the lesson.
- Candidates will participate fully in all sessions by listening attentively, asking questions, and contributing ideas.

Regarding Mass:

- Candidates will arrive early enough to receive their name tags and sit in their assigned seats before Mass begins at 6:00.
- Candidates will remain in their assigned seats for all of Mass.
- Candidates will spend the time before Mass in silent prayer, talking to God and not to one another.
- Candidates will not bring food or beverages (including gum) into the church during Mass.
- Candidates will be attentive during Mass and will not speak with peers. If a part of Mass is confusing to a Candidate, he/she is encouraged to ask about it during class.
- Candidates will be respectful of priests, cantors, lectors, and other parishioners during the celebration of the Mass. Any behavior that distracts another person from worship will result in immediate removal from the church.

Consequences

Confirmation candidates are expected to behave in a courteous manner toward adults and other students. Behavior that is disrespectful or that interferes with class instruction or the celebration of Mass (as determined by catechists and staff) will be handled in the following manner:

- **1st Incident:** Verbal warning; Removal from classroom (or church, if incident occurs during Mass); Parents notified.
- **2nd Incident:** Removal from classroom (or church, if incident occurs during Mass); Parents contacted to pick up candidate. Candidate may not return to class or Mass unless accompanied by a parent for the entire class (including Mass). A parent must accompany the candidate to the three classes following the incident, or until the candidate is able to conduct him/herself in an appropriate manner.
- **3rd Incident:** Removal from classroom (or church, if incident occurs during Mass); Parents contacted to pick up candidate; Meeting with Fr. Hennessey (Pastor), Amy Kostak (Faith Formation Director), parents and candidate to discuss further action. The candidate may not return to class until the meeting has taken place.

Any serious offense such as stealing; vandalism; excessive offensive language; sexual misconduct; use, possession or distribution of drugs or alcohol; weapon possession, and violent behavior will warrant immediate expulsion from the program.

Confirmation classes at St. Agnes and St. Rose of Lima Parishes are a time for learning, listening, and sharing faith and ideas. Repeated failure to respect others is not consistent with preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If a participant continues to display unacceptable and disruptive behavior, then he/she will be asked to leave the program until he/she is mature enough to participate appropriately.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the above expectations and consequences.

Candidate Signature

Date

Print Name

Parent Signature

Date

Print Name