

Diocesan Policy for Godparents:

Baptism; Godparents must have received Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist, should be at least 16 years of age, and should be practicing Catholics who are able to give the example of a good Catholic life. There are normally to be two godparents, one man and one woman. A baptized non-Catholic may not be a godparent but may be an official witness to the baptism, as long as there is one Catholic godparent. Baptism is not to be conferred until parents and godparents have attended pre-baptismal instruction. The responsibilities of parents and godparents are to be reviewed, as well as preparation for the celebration of the rite of baptism.

Parents are the most **influential agents** of catechesis for their **children.**

They have a unique **responsibility** for the **education** of their children; they are the **first educators, or catechists."**

National Directory for Catechesis, 54.C



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY

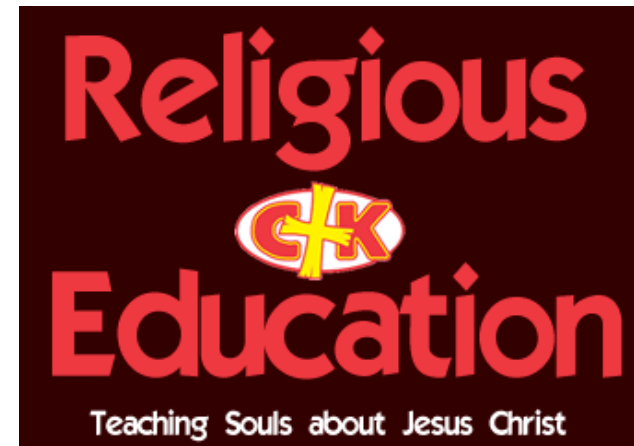
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Christ the King Religious Education Ministry Guidelines for 2011-2012

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome! We are pleased to have you and your family participating in our Religious Education and Youth Programs. As we embrace a journey of faith with your child we ask for your support and participation in the programs, teachers need active and supporting parents at home, inside the class rooms, special events and celebrations. Remember: **"Families that pray together stay together"**

Also as we begin this new year of Catechesis, we ask for your prayers for those who seek to know God and receive sacraments this year.

If there are any questions, please call the School Office at 399-1956, check our website at www.christtheking.ws or email elizabeth@christtheking.ws Parents are also welcome to visit our classrooms during session.

Sincerely in Christ,
*Religious Education Director,
Youth Director/Coordinators and Teachers*

- ⇒ *Children who have not attended religious education classes prior to this year, are not Baptized, and are beyond Second Grade must attend RCIC classes on Sunday.* RCIC classes are designed to introduce children in Grades Third through Ten to our Doctrine through a guided study and Mass attendance.
- ⇒ The Sacraments of First Eucharist (First Communion) and Confirmation are two-year programs. *If your child has not attended Religious Education prior to this year, then he/she cannot make First Communion in May or Confirmation in March 2012.*
- ⇒ Attendance at all children's liturgies and class sessions is important; all class work must be completed. Attendance at Sunday Mass and daily prayer are highly recommended. Please refer to the Calendar of Events or Weekly Parish Bulletin for special Youth Group dates, Sacrament schedules, Vacations and Special Events. *Please notify your child's teacher of a planned absence, students in preparation grades can not be absent for more than 3 consecutive classes without an acceptable excuse. Failure to fulfill requirements will result in student being dropped from the program.*

- ⇒ For safety purposes, *we ask parents/guardians to sign your children in and out of the class rooms and escort them from the playground to your car.*
- ⇒ Parents/guardians should pick up children by the designated dismissal times. We do understand that there may be an occasional delay, but ask that *children are picked up by 7:40 p.m.*
- ⇒ We also ask that all parents and guardians to support our teachers in the area of discipline. *Please remind your children that respect and appropriate behavior are part of our Christianity.*
- ⇒ Students participating in *Youth Programs* need to *sign a Code of Conduct* as well as their parents.
- ⇒ 20 Hours of volunteer work per family and or suggested donation as well as supplies/materials for the program (additional list).
- ⇒ Parents with students in sacramental grades must attend the orientation meeting at the beginning of school year as well as other scheduled meetings related to the sacrament.
- ⇒ Parents are highly suggested to attend the Safe Environment Presentation once a year, please check the calendar of events for specific date.