

## **Parish School of Religion (PSR)**

### **Family Handbook**

The mission of Our Lady Queen of Peace PSR Program is to provide a quality Catholic message of Jesus Christ. We, as the Catholic Church, teach and assist families to help children to become followers of Christ.

This handbook contains our policies, procedures and expectations. While some policies may seem unnecessary, our society dictates that we have policies in writing so all expectations are read and know by all.

## **Role of Parents:**

Parents are the first teachers of their children. The Church recognizes that the family has primary responsibility of nurturing Christian values. Parents serve as role models for their children. Our PSR Program reinforces the religious ideals and practices that students learn in their home.

## **Admission**

Our Lady Queen of Peace PSR Program admits students of any race, sex, color national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities accorded or made available to the students of the program.

## **Registration**

All students must register each year. Information about registration is made available on the church website and in the church bulletin. Registration usually takes place during the month of August. New students must provide a copy of a baptismal certificate. *If your child has not been baptized, please contact the church office 377-6519 to speak to our Pastor.*

## **Fees**

The fee is \$35 for the first child, family of 2 or more children \$50.

## **Attendance**

Consistent attendance is necessary for the building of a firm foundation of faith. The content taught in each session represents a step on a journey toward a deeper understanding of our beliefs and traditions.

Please notify the teacher or coordinator of any absences. Because liturgies and reconciliation services are such an important part of faith development, each student is expected to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligations.

## **Respect**

Jesus taught us to be loving, caring and forgiving. Everyone is expected to behave as Jesus taught us. This behavior is expected at **all times** and is extended to **all persons**.

All materials in the school and/or church are to be used in a respectful manner.

## **Discipline**

The classroom catechist handles ordinary discipline. If a student's behavior is continually disruptive, several steps may be taken:

- 1) The student may be warned by the teacher/coordinator and returned to the classroom.
- 2) The student may be removed from class and parents notified
- 3) The student, parents, catechist, coordinator and Pastor may have a conference to discuss the behavior

## **Arrival/Dismissal**

PSR meets every Wednesday evening from September to April, with exceptions noted on the PSR Calendar.

Students may arrive in their classrooms from 6:15 until 6:25 p.m. At 6:25 they will walk with their class to the church for Mass. If at anytime you are running late, please take your child directly to the church. The school doors are locked at 6:25 p.m. and remain locked until 7:45 p.m. Classes are dismissed at 8:00 p.m.

All parents of students 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger are asked to come in and get your child, or they may leave in the company of an older sibling. If anyone other than persons listed on the registration form is to pick up your child, please inform teacher or coordinator.

## **Protecting God's Children**

We want your child's religious educational experience to be the best it can be.

All volunteers of any capacity are required by the diocese to have attended a Protecting God's Children class and passed a background check.