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CHURCH OF SAINT CASIMIR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM POLICIES

Saint Casimir's Religious Education Program serves to nurture the precious Faith of your child. We will strive through our efforts and example to help each child learn and live the Commandments and teachings of Christ. Our policies, which help us accomplish this, are as follows:

1. Courtesy, cooperation, and responsibility are essential elements of religious education. Children attending St. Casimir's Religious Education Classes are expected to:
 - be respectful and cooperative with teachers, parents, and other students;
 - do assigned class work and homework.
2. Parents will be notified if their child is disrespectful or disruptive. Dismissal from the program will occur with any child repeatedly exhibiting inappropriate behavior.
3. As the primary educator of your child, your adherence to the following will help ensure the spiritual growth of your child and help contribute to our educational efforts:
 - take your child with you to Holy Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation; (please ask Priest to sign after every Sunday Mass).
 - teach your child his/her prayers;
 - bring you child regularly to class;
 - enable you child to stay the full class session;
 - read and discuss you child's religion text;
 - help your child study, complete assigned work, and prepare for tests;
 - help your child make-up work missed due to absence.
4. Canon 913 – (The Code of Canon Law) – For the administration of The Most Holy Eucharist to children, it is required that they have sufficient knowledge and careful preparation so as to understand the mystery of Christ according to their capacity, and can receive the Body of the Lord with Faith and devotion. “The careful preparation required is something more than the intellectual preparation indicated by the words “sufficient knowledge”. It includes formative experiences in Faith such as are promoted by active participation in the Eucharist even before the children receive their First Holy Communion. The Liturgy itself has formative value.”
4. Canon 914 – It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents, as well as Pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the Divine food as early as possible. Canon 914 gives great responsibility to parents and guardians in the preparation of children for the Eucharist.