



Religious education parent manual Our lady of the Americas 2019-2020



Welcome all to your Parish and home. "My home is your home"
For us to live well communicated, helping one another living in hope,
happiness and peace, let us follow the following indications:

- Each family is invited to have; A Bible, A Catechism of the Catholic Church and Bilingual book of prayers. Work together as a family to do the homework that they leave for their children from school.
- Books that your children use during classes, are books that belong to the Parish, so **is its their full responsibility to care for them, if they are abused, painted or broken, parents will pay \$ 25.00 for each book that's destroyed by your child . If you want your children to have his/her own book you can purchase one in the office.**
- Meet the catechists of your children and ask how you can help support your children with the lessons. Give thanks to the Catechists for the support they are providing in religious education, because remember the commitment is yours. **THE PARENTS ARE THE FIRST CATECHISTS.**
- We have groups that teach in Spanish, English or Bilingual, please study with your children the prayers in any language and help them make their homework. It's a requirement that your children learn the basic prayers to receive the Sacraments. Prayers are learned at home.
- In the month of JANUARY, we are going to have an assessment for students' receiving Sacraments in April or May, mainly to review the BASIC CRISTIAN PRAYERS; we are



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CATHOLIC CHURCH

- just going to ask them we are not going to teach them, these are taught at home. Also in January we have their **FIRST CONFESSION** and must know Our Father, Hail Mary, and Act of Contrition, for the second semester will learn the Creed. **PARENTS PRAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN.**
- You will also receive religious classes while your children are in class, attendance will be taken to see your fulfillment. During our daily life we all need to have a deep relationship with our God. The community helps a lot in that relationship. Come with joy and not with frustration by commitment.
- The parents and godparents of students who receive sacraments, have to take a mandatory "spiritual retreat." Please see the dates on the calendar to set aside the date now. You have 4 and 6 months to set aside the date.

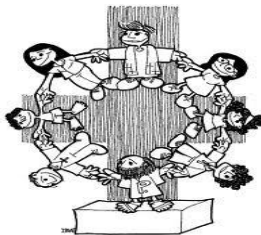
The godparents for your children must be persons comply with the mandate by the Catholic Church:

- + **They are an example of GOOD CHRISTIANS PARENTS IN FAITH**
- + **They are married by the Catholic Church.**
- + **O Singles (not living together). Older, Baptized and Confirmed.**
- + **Participate in Mass weekly.**

- We have Mass every day at 5:30 pm and Saturdays at 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm and Sunday: 9:30 am, 12:30 pm and 6:00 pm, the whole family may attend any of these times, know that the family that prays together stays together. Discuss with your children about respect, silence, cleanliness and dress decently in Church.

- We need to participate and greet everyone in the mass. **THE PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN TO RECEIVE COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION THE NEXT YEAR, MUST SIGN EVERY WEEKEND COMING TO MASS.**

I am at your service to listen and pray together.





DISCIPLINE

- 1- The student who disrespects a fellow student and a Catechist or has a bad behavior (bad words, do graffiti or destroying something), THE PARENTS HAVE TO TALK WITH THE DIRECTOR SO THEY CAN CONTINUE, NO EXCEPTIONS AND PAY FOR DAMAGES. If is something less offensive it will be as so:
 - **First Offense:** The catechist will notify the Coordinator of the assistant, then Religious Education will contact the parents.
 - **Second Offense:** A conference will be held between Religious Education and the parents.
 - **Third offense:** The students will be suspended from class. RE will notify the parents for the second and final conference. (Father, RE and the parents).
- 2- When students enter school, they should turn off their cell phones or any electronic device. If they turn it on during class, they will be collected and parents may pick it up at the Directors' office.
- 3- Students who have more than three unexcused absences must repeat another year. Only parents may excuse them.
- 4- Must be punctual in their arrival and departure times.
- 5- IF SOMETHING IS LOST OR DESTROY ANYTHING IN THE ROOM OR THE SCHOOL, THE PARENTS WILL PAY OR REPLACE WHAT WAS DESTROYED.



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EVERYTHING THAT WE DO AND SAY, IS FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD.

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- I AUTHORIZE THE STAFF OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM, THAT WHEN THEY SEE FIT, THEY MAY CHECK MY CHILDS' BAG/BACKPACK WHEN THEY COME TO CLASS.

ALL FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR YOUTH.

Initials _____

- Bring your kids 10 minutes before class time. The door will close and there is not a person to be opening at any time. For safety and respect we do this, we have nearly 500 students and we are responsible to care for them, there shouldn't be open doors during class.
- Students will go directly to the classroom and at the end of class a relative must go pick them up in their rooms. TUESDAY students can go directly to the parking lot and wait for their parents.
- NO DOUBLE ROW PARKING, OR HIGH SPEED USE INSIDE THE PARKING LOT.
- PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN ON TIME, THER HAS BEEN PARENTS THAT HAVE FORGOTTEN TO PICK UP THERE CHILDREN, THIS ACTION DOES A LOT DAMAGE TO YOUR CHILD.
- During class time no one can stay in the school hallways.
- The school is a "SACRED" place, you should teach their children to care for their class rooms and respect other peoples things. The dress wear also indicates respect, please dress your kids comfortable but not with less clothes or extravagant, remember that they are children of God.

Date: _____

Students Name _____

Parents' signature

By signing confirms that you have read the Parents Orientation Manual.