

Appendix 6 — Covenant of Partnership

(To be renewed annually)

Baptism establishes a child in an intimate personal relationship with Jesus. The child becomes one of his disciples and a member of the community of disciples, the Church. At Baptism, parents, the parish community, and the parish's catechists assume together the awesome responsibility to nurture and support the child's growth in this relationship.

Children's Names:

For this reason, we, the undersigned parents/guardians and catechist enter into this covenant of partnership, pledging ourselves:

As Parents/Guardians

- To model the faith we seek to share with the children God has entrusted to us.
- To participate weekly in the parish's Eucharist (the Sunday and Holy Day Masses) with our children.
- To provide opportunities in the home for our children to experience family prayer, the celebration of religious and family traditions, and works of care and service to others.
- To insure that our children regularly attend faith formation classes and other catechetical activities scheduled for them by the parish.
- To participate in parent sessions as required by the parish.
- To be knowledgeable of and make good faith efforts to fulfill the "Expectations of Parents" for my children's grade levels as delineated in the diocesan faith formation curriculum document.
- To cooperate with our children's catechist(s) and maintain open communication with them.

As Catechists

- To model the faith we seek to share with the children entrusted to us.
- To treat each child entrusted to us with reverence and Christian concern.
- To prepare ourselves diligently through study and prayer for each session we teach.
- To communicate in a timely way with parents regarding their child's progress, responsibilities, needs, and accomplishments.
- To seek feedback from parents and be responsive to the needs, concerns, and suggestions they give us.

As Leaders of the Parish Community

- To regard the catechetical ministry as one of the parish's central responsibilities.
- To provide an adequate budget and facilities that will insure a top quality program of catechesis for each child.
- To model the faith we seek to share with the children entrusted to us.
- To help each child feel welcomed and valued as a member of the parish community.
- To plan and celebrate parish liturgy with sensitivity to the needs of all age groups, including children and youth.
- To provide opportunities and activities with sensitivity to the family and its needs.
- To encourage and support the building of a "friendly and caring" parish community.

We enter this covenant freely and with a firm determination to fulfill our responsibilities.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____

Catechist: _____ Date _____

Parish Rep: _____ Date _____