

Grade One: Expectations of Parents

1. Attend Sunday Mass and actively participate in Mass responses with your child.
2. Make it a family priority for your son/daughter to attend faith formation classes.
3. Witness a baptism in the parish community with your child.
4. Teach and pray with your child these prayers: Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Angel of God (prayer to his/her guardian angel), and Grace before Meals.
5. Pray spontaneously as a family at meals and/or bedtime, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.
6. Bless your child—saying a short prayer while tracing the Sign of the Cross on his/her head.
7. Talk about God as part of his/her daily family life.
8. Celebrate Sundays and special family and Church feasts (e.g., anniversaries of Baptism, Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter) in some special way in the home.
9. Read/tell Bible stories to your child.
10. Discuss the content of each religion class and your child's understanding of it. Make it a family learning experience. Provide feedback to the catechist.
11. Participate as a family in “whole church” (intergenerational) parish activities when offered.