

Saint Lawrence Parish Faith Formation Participation Covenant

The Church's ministry of evangelization is aimed at personal transformation through the development of a personal relationship with God, participation in sacramental worship, and a deepening integration of faith into all areas of life. Indeed, faith involves a profound change of mind and heart which encourages us to live life in a new way. To this end, nothing is more foundational or instrumental than regular participation in the Celebration of the Eucharist. For it is here that Christ meets us in the most powerful way.

The Vatican II document, Declaration on Christian Education, states that parents are the first and foremost educators of their children, and that "their role as educators is so decisive that scarcely anything can compensate for their failure in it." Likewise, St. John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation on the family, Familiaris Consortio, states that "the right and duty of the parents to give education is essential...irreplaceable and inalienable and therefore incapable of being entirely delegated to others or usurped by others."

In acknowledging these truths, the St. Lawrence Faith Formation Program seeks to assist and enable parents in this venerable responsibility bestowed on them. In particular, our primary goal is to provide ongoing catechesis in the areas concerning religious education that will specifically complement the Catholic Christian formation that is already being taught and experienced in the home. Our environment and curriculum is designed to support, enhance, and develop the spiritual, intellectual, and moral education already being fostered in the home.

We ask your continued support in living a Christian home life, as well as a firm commitment to making regular participation in the Divine Liturgy (Mass) an integral part of the Catholic faith formation of your children.

We consider this opportunity to collaborate with, and serve, the families of St. Lawrence Parish to be a joy and a privilege, and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and protect us in this sublime endeavor.

I have read, understand, and agree to all elements set forth in this covenant.

_____ Date: _____
Rev. Gerard Bertin

_____ Date: _____
Maggie Tipping

_____ Date: _____
Parent Signature