



St. Felix, Wabasha

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Roman Catholic Parishes

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## 2025-2026 FAITH FORMATION CODE OF CONDUCT

The success of the Faith Formation program for St. Felix & St. Agnes parishes relies heavily upon the generosity of its volunteer catechists (religion teachers), who give of their time and talent to help impart the Catholic faith to younger generations. This, of course, is not an easy task, as they are asked to cover volumes of material with minimal instruction time and a group of students that have busy schedules themselves.

Every student in Faith Formation is entitled to a full hour of quality instruction in a supportive, safe environment. Serious attitude/discipline problems from students hinder catechists' ability to uphold this standard. Consequently, it is necessary for the success of our program that all parents and students agree to the following policies regarding serious behavior:

1. When a catechist considers a student's behavior to be consistently off task, inappropriate, or disrespectful, that student is entitled to only one verbal warning. After that, the catechist may report the issue to the Director of Faith Formation, who reserves the right to take one or more of the following actions:
  - a. Ask the student to remain in the office for the remainder of Faith Formation classes that evening (1<sup>st</sup> offense).
  - b. Ask for a meeting with the parents, student, Fr. Tom, and/or the catechist to discuss the student's behavior (multiple offenses).
  - c. Ask the parent(s) to attend classes with the student for a set period of time (multiple offenses).
  - d. Provide Faith Formation materials for the student to be catechized only at home (multiple offenses).
2. In general, the use of cell phones while classes are in session is strictly prohibited. Each catechist, however, at his or her own discretion, may allow them to be used for specific activities during class. Any cell phone use without permission constitutes a violation of policy #1 above, and is subject to the same consequences, including the requirement that the student leave his/her cell phone at home for a set number of classes.
  - a. Emergencies that arise during classes can be relayed to the Director of Faith Formation at (651)-545-4446 (school office) or Father Tom at (507)-273-6522.

Finally, we ask all parents to remember that you, ultimately, are the primary catechists for your child/children (cf. CCC 2223). Our duty is to help supplement, foster, and support the relationship with Jesus Christ that you are helping your child(ren) to build at home. While this life of faith at home does not have to be complicated, if it is non-existent, it undermines the effects of what is taught during Faith Formation classes. To that end, we ask that you

discuss the material that is covered in Faith Formation with your child(ren) at home and help us maintain a disciplined and respectful atmosphere that is conducive to the formation of disciples of Jesus Christ and His holy bride, the Church.

**Parent or Guardian:** I agree that my child(ren) shall abide by the Code of Conduct outlined above. I have reviewed this Code and discussed it with my child(ren) prior to signing this form. I agree that if my child(ren) fail to consistently abide by the Code or engage in a serious infraction of the Code, I will be notified immediately to discuss the actions/options listed above.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student of Faith Formation:** I understand and agree to the St. Felix and St. Agnes Code of Conduct. I also understand that my parent(s) or guardian will be notified at time of infraction following one verbal warning.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Parent and student signatures must appear above in order to participate in the St. Felix and St. Agnes Faith Formation Program.)*