

# St. Frances Cabrini Church

## Faith Formation 2025-26

### Responsibilities & Code of Conduct

As a family, please review the responsibilities and code of conduct stated below and support the staff and catechists in enforcing them. It is our goal to provide a safe and effective learning environment for all who attend Faith Formation programs. Everyone at St. Frances Cabrini strives to create a program where we all feel welcome and accepted as a vital part of the faith community. We are all expected to cooperate in the faith development of each other.

#### **In general, we are expected to:**

- ◆ attend weekly Sunday Mass;
- ◆ arrive on time and bring required material to EVERY session;
- ◆ respect the authority of the staff and volunteers at St. Frances Cabrini;
- ◆ respect the thoughts and feelings of others;
- ◆ participate in discussions and activities;
- ◆ refrain from chewing gum or eating during class;
- ◆ silence and not use cell phones & electronic devices during class.
- ◆ discuss weekly lessons with family members;

### Discipline Procedures

Our goal is to maintain an atmosphere in which we can form a learning community and understand the Gospel message. Good behavior is the responsibility of each of us. Anyone who disrupts a class and fails to respond to the catechist's directives may be asked to leave the class. Catechists will handle normal discipline problems. If a problem persists, the CRE will intervene and, if necessary, involve parents/guardian. Please reach out to the CRE with any concerns or issues so that we can work together to develop a resolution to ensure an atmosphere of learning.

### Sacramental Preparation

Our Faith Formation program is a partnership between parish and family. I recognize that faith formation class is not a substitute for attending Sunday Mass; both attendance at Mass and participation in Faith Formation are essential. We will attend all mandatory meetings, retreats, and rehearsals. I assure above responsibilities and codes of conduct are upheld and understand excessive absences could result in the postponement of receiving a sacrament.

### Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist (Year 1 & Year 2)

Baptized Catholic children must have at least one (1) year of faith formation prior to the year that the child will be receiving the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and **First Holy Eucharist**. The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist are received when the child reaches the age of reason (typically 7 years old/2<sup>nd</sup> grade). Any exceptions must be approved by the Pastor and CRE.

Year 1: Attend weekly Sunday Mass, attend FFF, and complete 8 Mass journal entries.

Year 2: Attend weekly Sunday Mass, attend FFF, attend Sacramental Prep classes, and complete 8 Mass journal entries.

### Confirmation (Year 1 & Year 2)

A candidate must understand and appreciate the Sacraments already celebrated (**Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist**), as well as regular celebration of Reconciliation and Eucharist...which includes attending weekly Sunday Mass.

A candidate must have a history of formal and continuous faith formation with a minimum of two full years (typically 9th and 10th grade) is required in youth group/faith formation to be confirmed in 10<sup>th</sup> grade.