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DISCIPLINE POLICY AND PROBLEM SOLUTIONS

All students are expected to share in the faith formation experience of the parish program. If a child's behavior disrupts the learning process for him or herself or for others, the steps listed below will be followed to ensure that class participation may continue:

1. At the first incident the child will be reminded of expected behavior and the consequences of misbehavior.
2. After the second incident, the child will be sent to the office for a discussion with the DRE about appropriate behavior.
3. After returning to class, if inappropriate behavior continues, the child will be sent to the office to do his or her religious education assignment. The child's parent/guardian will be contacted.
4. If the child's behavior continues to disrupt learning it may be necessary to home school the child for a time.

At steps 1-3, the child will be allowed the opportunity to rejoin the class if an understanding can be reached as to how all involved may best continue to learn and grow in their faith.

Cell Phones: Students are **not** allowed to use cell phones in class without permission. Unapproved use of cell phones will result in the item being confiscated and returned to a **parent/guardian only**.

EXPECTATIONS

A. Catechists and Staff:

1. provide a loving, Christian atmosphere within the learning environment so that children will be able to grow in their faith
2. prepare and teach designated curriculum
3. be a Christian role model and behave in a Christian manner at all times
4. communicate regularly with, and involve parents in, the faith development of their children

B. Students:

1. behave in a Christian manner at all times, showing respect and being cooperative with adults and other students
2. actively participate in classroom activities and discussions
3. attend class regularly and complete any assignments or homework
4. follow the code of conduct
 - a. Respect for others and for others' property
 - b. No use of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs
 - c. No weapons on premises
 - d. No use of cell phones in class without permission

C. Parents:

1. ensure that their children attend classes regularly and on time.
2. communicate any special needs or circumstances that may affect their children within the classroom
3. **be an active part of their children's learning** and be involved in the classroom at the catechist's request (e.g. help with special and/or service projects)

D. Communication

Parents will be kept informed of activities of the programs through announcements in parish bulletin, hand-carried notes, phone calls, or special mailings.

**We are here to serve the faith formation needs of our children, youth, and adults.
If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns
please feel free to share them with your child's catechist or contact the DRE.**