

## St. Richard Parish Religious Education Program Family Pledge and Commitment

The Catholic Church, states that “*parents above others are obliged to form their children in the faith and practice of Christian life by word and example*” (Can. 774 §2). This sentiment is echoed in many Church documents including The General Directory for Catechesis and the National Directory for Catechesis. St. Richard Parish recognizes and affirms parents in their role as the primary catechists of their children, and has designed its religious education program to assist parents in their role by providing them with a formal, structured, and planned program of catechesis and formation in the form of a one week summer religious education program, supplemented with family-based catechesis in the form of formation, spiritual, and service components throughout the academic year.

Our theme this year will be by **Celebrating Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church, with Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.**

**The Spiritual Works:** *to instruct the ignorant, to counsel the doubtful, to admonish sinners, to bear wrongs patiently, to forgive offences willingly; to comfort the afflicted; to pray for the living and the dead.*

**Corporal Works of Mercy:** *to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick, to ransom the captive, to bury the dead.*

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Participation in St. Richard’s Parish Religious Education Program requires the successful completion of the Formational, Spiritual, and Service Components of the Program which includes:

- Attending a **one (1) week summer session from June 18-22, 2018**
- Parents attending **at least** Three (3) of Five (5) Family Formation Sessions during the academic year
- Children attending all five (5) Family Formation Sessions,
- Family participation in **six (6) Parish Spiritual Activities**; at least one (1) of which must be attendance at a parish Penance Service
- Family participation in **four (4) Service Activities.**
- **Family Participation** in all of the **required Sacrament Formation sessions** for those students who will be receiving the sacrament of **Penance and Eucharist during the program year. We will not be offering the Sacrament of Confirmation this year (see Father’s Letter.)** The Sacrament of Confirmation formation will be moved to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders will not participate in the summer program, just the Sacrament Formation aspect.

**Please indicate the grade for the 2018-19 school year.**

Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

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I/We agree to fulfill the above requirements of St. Richard Parish Religious Education Program. I understand that in addition to the 27 hours of grade level instruction and formation received in the classroom during the **one week summer program & weekly Mass attendance, my family will actively participate in the required Family Formation Sessions, Spiritual Activities, & Service Activities as a family.**

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date