

Grade Five: Expectations of Parents

1. Attend Sunday Mass and all Holy Days; actively participate with your child in these and other liturgical celebrations of the Church year, especially All Souls Day, the Easter Triduum, and the Corpus Christi Procession if possible.
2. Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (“go to Confession”) regularly; take the whole family.
3. Make it a family priority for your son/daughter to attend faith formation classes.
4. Help your child memorize and understand the Nicene Creed.
5. Help your child identify ways he/she can use personal talents and gifts to help the needy.
6. Use/display sacramentals in the home, e.g., crucifix, religious statues, medals, blessed candles, palms, and a holy water font.
7. Pray a family Rosary (all five decades) with your child at least once a week. (Pray the Rosary on different days of the week so your child will associate the four sets of mysteries of the Rosary with their proper day: Joyful Mysteries—Monday and Saturday, Sorrowful Mysteries—Tuesday and Friday, Luminous Mysteries—Thursday, and Glorious Mysteries—Sunday and Wednesday.)
8. Encourage your son/daughter to take a more active role in the parish’s life and ministry, in keeping with the age and abilities of your child.
9. Discuss the content of each religion class and your child’s understanding of it. Make it a family learning experience. Provide feedback to the catechist.
10. Discuss issues of justice and peace with your child and do things that alleviate suffering and poverty.
11. Help your son/daughter to appreciate and understand his/her sexuality in light of Church teachings.
12. Include praying and reading from the Bible in daily family life.
13. Participate as a family in “whole church” (intergenerational) parish activities when offered.