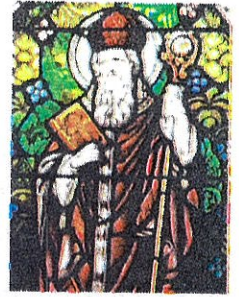




2022-2023

## St. Ambrose, Milan and St. Patrick, Andalusia Parent Agreement for Sacramental Students



To properly prepare the children to receive the Sacraments, the following expectations must be met:

- Students must attend CCD classes regularly. Students making sacraments cannot miss more than 4 classes for the year (18% of the total classes, per Diocese of Peoria Religious Education Handbook, see below). Please contact Mackenzie Dunbar when a child will be out sick. ([mackenzie.dunbar1@gmail.com](mailto:mackenzie.dunbar1@gmail.com))
- The children should attend Mass on a regular basis with their parents. We ask that the children demonstrate attendance at Mass at least 75% of the Sundays between Sunday September 18 and the date of the 1st Communion (4/29) or Confirmation (tentatively 5/20 or 5/21). This amounts to 24 Sunday Masses for those preparing for 1st Communion and 26 Masses for those preparing for Confirmation.
  - To keep track of Mass attendance, children will pick up a ticket at the back of the Church. Students will write their name on the ticket and place it in the collection basket.
  - If a family is out of town, a bulletin, of *that* Sunday's Mass, from the church where they attended Mass is to be presented to the CCD teacher at the next class.
- Parents of children in 2nd or 8th grade will be required to attend a monthly catechetical talk given by Fr. Joe from October through April. There will be two options: one will be on a Wednesday night at St. Ambrose from 5:30pm - 6:30pm or the following Sunday morning at St. Patrick from 11:15am - 12:00pm. No more than two of these talks can be missed for the children to receive the sacraments.

By placing my signature on the line below I agree to the expectations presented above and understand that I will forgo my child(ren)'s privilege of receiving the Sacraments this year if these requirements are not met.

Signature(s) of Parent/Guardian:

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From the Catholic Diocese of Peoria Religious Education Handbook:

Students in the Catholic Faith Formation program are expected to be present unless illness prevents it. Each time a student misses a class an excuse must be signed and dated by the parents stating the reason for the absence. Parents should call the parish office or write to the Director of Religious Education prior of the absentee or as soon as possible in case of an emergency if your child will not attend class. Students may be allowed up to four (4) excused absences per school year.

Unfortunately, athletic and other extracurricular events are not excusable reasons for absence. It is our position that there is really nothing more important than the state of a person's soul and preparing the youngest members of our parish family to understand and live the faith should be, and is the highest priority.

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**Declaration to Practice the Catholic Faith**

*From the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation*

For Catholic parents and students of CCD programs at St. Ambrose, Milan and St. Patrick, Andalusia

As a member of the Catholic faith, mindful of the serious moral obligation I have as a member of the Church and as a parishioner of St. Ambrose or St. Patrick, and in order to honor and obey the third commandment of God and his holy Church, I hereby promise to do my very best to attend Holy Mass every Sunday and on all Holy Days of Obligation. I understand that willfully forgo attending Holy Mass is, as it has always been, a grave and mortal sin. Furthermore, I promise to do my very best to assure that my child(ren), for whom I am morally responsible as a parent/guardian, attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, as well. [Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church #2181]

I understand that the pastor of my parish rightfully and reasonably expects me and my children to attend, whenever possible, Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation Masses at my parish as a family. I understand that to fail in these serious moral obligations, I could forgo my child(ren)'s privilege of receiving the Sacraments at the usual age.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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As a student at \_\_\_\_\_, I understand that Jesus wants me and expects me to do my best to attend mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.

I also understand the promise my parents/guardians have agreed to above.

Signature of Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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