

**RESURRECTION PARISH
CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAM
PARENT HANDBOOK**

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EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR CFP SUNDAY – 302-354-1151

ACCREDITATION/CERTIFICATION (Program/Catechists)

The diocese accredits Resurrection Parish’s CFP program. CFP catechists undergo yearly certification by way of attendance at classes, workshops and other educational opportunities. A Background Screening must be completed before one can minister as a catechist or an assistant.

ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION

Attendance and participation in CFP classes is important to the program. In the event of an absence, the parent/guardian will be notified from our Parish Secretary. All missed work is to be made up. Make-up work is to be returned to the teacher as quickly as possible. More than 5 missed classes and work not made up could delay preparation for sacraments.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

The safety of your children is very important to us. Resurrection’s policy is that your child must be picked up e from the classroom. Each child is to be signed in and out of their classroom by a guardian. If someone other than a parent will be picking up, please notify your teacher’s catechist. If you will be late, please call the emergency number above. (Cory’s cell- 302-354-1151)

CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE

Discipline in the classroom is necessary in creating an atmosphere in which each catechist can teach and each child can learn. To ensure that each child can exercise his/her right to learn, CFP has adopted the following policy:

Catechists will warn disruptive students in their class twice and, if the behavior persists, will remove the child from the classroom to complete the assignment with Cory or the Hall Monitor. Home study materials will be provided for any child not able to attend class for behavior reasons.

ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM: The Diocesan curriculum guidelines are available at www.cdow.org under Religious Education. These curriculum outcomes are based on Scripture and Apostolic Tradition, as expounded in current catechetical documents. Their purpose is to support families in their mission as “primary educators in the faith” (General Directory for Catechesis 255).

We use Sadlier texts and materials that completely supper the Diocesan curriculum Additional curriculum materials in accordance with For the Sake of God’s Children are also available and used at times. “Keeping our Promises” is available on the diocesan web site under For the Sake of God’s Children.

<p>I have received the CFP Handbook and agree to comply with its policies. Please sign, date, and return.</p>

EMERGENCY PLAN

Every attempt will be made to provide a safe and healthy environment at CFP. However, accidents sometimes do occur, and children may become ill quickly. In case of emergency and or need of medical attention. CFP will use the procedure outlined in Form A: Annual Consent & Release. Please be sure all phone numbers are up to date and accurate.

HOMESCHOOL- Students should generally be enrolled in our Christian Formation Program for one full year before a home schooling request is made. Homeschooling requests are to be made in writing with an explanation why a student can not participate in our regularly scheduled program. The Christian Formation Committee makes all decisions regarding eligibility. All materials must be completed and turned in for review before credit will be given for each student. If a family homeschools for a portion of the year, students are expected to return as soon as possible.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Twice a year student progress reports will be issued. We ask that the parent/guardian note the attendance record and comments made by the catechists.

RESTROOMS

Please remind your child to go to the restroom before he/she comes to class.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT – Information regarding child abuse and victims assistance is available at both entrances to Resurrection Parish.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Catechists try to be alert to the special situations of some of our children. We ask that the parent/guardian advise the CFP office regarding any special medical or learning needs that their child may have so that we can respond appropriately.

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

Catechists and assistants are advised and compelled to report any allegations of child abuse directly to civil authorities. They are also asked to inform the Director of Christian Formation who will in turn notify the pastor and the Diocesan Human Resource Office.

WEATHER CANCELLATION

Bad weather might force cancellation of CFP. Announcements of cancellations will be posted on the parish web site (www.resurrectionde.org) and an email will be sent to parents as soon as the decision is made. When in doubt of safety, please stay home! Snow accumulation and ice can vary easily by neighborhood location. Safety FIRST!

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