



Nativity of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church
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FAITH COMMITMENT MASS COMMITMENT

(This form is not an option and must be attached to your Registration application, or it will be returned to you)

You have requested that your child(ren) attend Nativity of Our Lord Roman Catholic Religious Education Program. Through our religious education program your child(ren) will learn the teachings of Jesus Christ and the truths of our Catholic Faith.

The attendance at Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation is an integral part of our formation as Catholics. Attendance at Mass is not an option, but a serious obligation of our faith commitment. Therefore, I am asking every family with children in our Religious Education Program to sign this commitment of faith and commitment to Mass attendance as a part of their registration.

Please read and initial "each" section below:

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states under the section The Sunday obligation:

- 2180 The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are *bound* to participate in the Mass." "The precept of participating, in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day."
- 2181 The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a *grave sin*.
- 1385 To respond to this invitation (of receiving Communion) we must prepare ourselves for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning, the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself." Anyone conscious of a *grave sin must receive the sacrament of-Reconciliation before coming to communion*.
- 2182 Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity." Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

- From these sections taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, I agree to use my Church envelopes as a "means" for the Pastor to review our Mass attendance on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation.
- I further understand the Pastor will review the Mass attendance of our family periodically throughout the calendar year.
- If the Pastor perceives there is a serious problem with Mass attendance through the review of our file, the Pastor reserves the right not to accept my child(ren) into Nativity of Our Lord Religious Education Program for the following academic year.

When I sign this commitment, I affirm the teachings of our Catholic Church especially with regards to Mass attendance as stated above, and I accept my obligations as binding.

Please print your name on this line: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Father Edward Flanagan
Pastor

Children in our School/Religious Education Program:

Grade: _____

Grade: _____

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Grade: _____