

**Saint Patrick's Church Christian Formation**  
Family and Parish Covenant SY 2019-20

*Jesus Christ: Our Goal and Guide*

**I. Parent/s / Guardian/s**

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_, as first teacher/s of the Catholic faith to my/our child, promise to guide and support my/our child, \_\_\_\_\_, in his/her formation as disciple of Jesus Christ, both at home and in the parish. I/We do so by intentionally giving witness to our Catholic faith -

- by nurturing Catholic faith traditions at home that will help live everyday through the lens of faith –
  - praying together daily as a family (using memorized and spontaneous prayers),
  - reading and reflecting on the Sunday readings (in preparation for Sunday Mass, to guide our everyday living),
  - and faith-sharing as a family (how you seek and see God at work in your life, etc)
- by having my/our child participate in scheduled Christian formation classes, and by acknowledging and respecting the time that our catechists take for planning, preparing, and teaching the classes,
- by attending weekly Sunday Mass (either Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM or 5:00 PM) and Holy Days of Obligation with my/our child,
  - Remember to use the “Gift of Presence Envelopes.” You may help your child prepare for Sunday Mass by helping him/her prepare his/her envelope during the week.
- by actively participating in and supporting the life of the parish, e.g. be present at parish events, serving in parish and/or liturgical ministries,
- and by serving others in the local community, e.g. the food cupboard, giving garden.

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Father's Signature / Guardian's Signature

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Mother's Signature / Guardian's Signature

**II. Parish: Pastor and Christian Formation Coordinator**

We commit to support our families in faith formation program through communal prayer, meaningful liturgies, enrichment programs, parish events, service projects and stewardship. We commit to maintaining communication with families to acknowledge their concerns and address their needs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Christian Formation Coordinator

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Pastor

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Vision:

To form our children as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Mission:

To provide a consistent atmosphere and complimentary experience at home and in the parish where our children live out their full potential as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Five Pillars of the Christian Formation Program:

These pillars serve to provide us and our children with a well-rounded experience of discipleship in Christ.

1. *Sacraments*. Christian life begins with our encounter with God through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. These encounters happen uniquely in the celebration of the sacraments, where we not only encounter God, we also receive divine life. Of the sacraments, our active participation in the Eucharist serves as the source and summit of our Christian life.
2. *Community*. God calls us to be His one family, the Church. We journey together, and help each other on our pilgrim way to heaven. Let us inspire each other in our parish to grow in holiness.
3. *Catechesis*. Jesus left us his words to ponder, and the life of the Church to live by. In Jesus, we have the good teacher and master about God and Christian living.
4. *Service*. Love like Jesus; serve like Jesus. As our Teacher was attentive and responsive to those in need so too are we to our brothers and sisters in need, in Victor and Farmington, and beyond.
5. *Stewardship*. God has gifted us with time, talent, and treasure. We need to recognize our God-given gifts, and put them to use in service of God and neighbor.

Learning from Each Other

If and when pastoral concerns or issues arise, it would be helpful to hear from you as soon as possible. With each other's help, may we always work together towards bringing our children closer to Christ.

Thank you, and may God bless you and your family.

Father Edison and the Faith Formation Staff