

## Parish of St. Ignatius of Loyola Faith Formation Policies

In order to best serve you, we ask that you carefully review the following policies. By registering your children in any of our Faith Formation programs you are indicating your review of and agreement to these policies:

### Worship

The first, and most important, expectation of our program is that families will worship regularly with us at Sunday liturgy. This is the central activity and tenet of our faith, and to not include it in our regular catechetical practices is to take away the crux of both our faith and our community.

### Attendance at Class

Children and young people are expected to be present for all classes, retreats, service projects, and special events (as per the student's calendar). We recognize that illnesses and other unplanned conflicts may arise, and of course we want what is best for your family. However, in the interest of the well-being of the program and all of its participants, we ask that you observe the following:

- When a child will be absent, please notify the office at 617.552.6105 or [faithformation.ignatius@bc.edu](mailto:faithformation.ignatius@bc.edu). We are responsible for your children while they are with us. It helps us greatly to know when they will not be here.
- Students who infrequently attend faith formation lack the opportunity to build and feel comfortable within a community, and also have less of a chance to build and explore their faith. Additionally, students who register but do not or do not often attend class cause distress for staff, catechists, and other families, who must plan around those children. A child is expected to have no more than 3 excused absences per year. **After 3 absences, the family will be contacted about the child's wellbeing and the family's intention to remain in the Faith Formation program.**

### Arrival & Departure

Catechists and staff members are on hand to welcome and be with your children 10 minutes before and 10 minutes after class. **For the safety of your children and the courtesy of allowing catechists to attend liturgy on time, please be prompt in picking up your children.** *Please also note that students in grade 5 and below must be picked up by a parent.*

### Behavior

We expect, and often find, that our students are loving, polite, enthusiastic, responsible, and respectful. However, there are times when a student's behavior may fall outside what is acceptable in a parish setting. Behavioral issues will be addressed in the following manner: First, the catechist will speak with the child to address their concerns. If the problem remains unresolved, the Director of Faith Formation will speak with the child regarding the issue. Lastly, a family meeting will be arranged to resolve the problem.

**Photography**

During certain events, St. Ignatius staff members may take photographs in order to illustrate some of the things that we do as a parish. It is always your right to remove yourself from these pictures or to ask us not to use them in any way. Please advise the Director of Faith Formation, and your child[ren]'s catechist if you would like St. Ignatius to refrain from taking and using photographs of your child[ren] for the purposes of parish promotion and education.

**Liability**

By participating in our Faith Formation program, you agree that no liability is assumed by St. Ignatius Church, its parish staff, chaperones, volunteers, or its affiliates for claims that may arise out of activities done through the Faith Formation program.

If you have any questions about any of these policies, please contact the Director of Faith Formation: Lara Ericson, lara.ericson@bc.edu, 617-552-6105