

Parent Commitment

Raising children is a very difficult task in the times we live. Having a good faith foundation can bring your child a tremendous reward. It is a parental responsibility to make sure their child is brought up in faith. We are here to help you. Below you will find some basic suggestions for helping your children grow in Faith.

It all begins with a relationship with Jesus Christ. Through observation of parents, teachers, and catechists, our students learn how to enter more fully into their relationship with Christ. We encourage you to share your faith with your children through prayer and meaningful discussion.

As we foster this relationship with Jesus, we seek to enrich it with an understanding of the bible and how God calls us to live. We encourage you to spend time reading the bible with your child.

Sacraments are a powerful gift from God. The grace we receive in the Sacraments helps us to be great followers of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to have your child baptized and to remind them of the promises made in Baptism. If you are Catholic, we encourage you to help us prepare your children for Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

We must also seek to give our children a good understanding of right and wrong. While a good relationship with Jesus and an understanding of the Scripture and Tradition are a good foundation for making decisions about right and wrong, it is incomplete without an understanding of sin and virtue. We encourage you to talk with your children about what sin is and about how we can overcome sin through virtue.

In Matthew 25 we hear, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Creating a positive relationship with Jesus and developing an understanding of the bible and Christian morality is not enough. We must teach our students that we are called to be servants to each other so that the true goal of Faith Formation is not to enrich only our own lives, but the lives of those around us. We encourage you to talk with your children about creating good friendships. We also encourage you to do service projects with your children.

In summary, we encourage you to:

- share your faith with your children through prayer and meaningful discussion
- spend time reading the bible with your child
- have your child baptized and to remind them of the promises made in Baptism
- talk with your children about what sin is and about how we can overcome sin through virtue
- talk with your children about creating good friendships
- do service projects with your children

In addition, we ask that you assist us in making sure your children attend class regularly and communicate to us any special needs or circumstances that may affect your child in the classroom.

Total Faith Formation is a lifelong task! Please know that we are here, not only for your children, but for you. Please do not hesitate to ask questions about the program, the Church's teachings, the bible, or any other questions you may have. If desired, we can create bible studies, faith sharing groups, or praise and worship groups for adults to help you grow in Faith along with the children. Please let us know any way that we can help you!

Project SAFE is designed to pass on a tradition of faith to the young believers at Andrew Academy. We know that we cannot do this alone, so we are asking for your help, as the first teachers of your children, to create a Christian culture where charity and love prevail.

Please sign below as a sign of your commitment to our program, to our children, and to this community of faith:

X _____ Date: _____

Student Expectations

It is our hope that Project SAFE students be strong examples of Christian living within this community.

During Project SAFE program hours, students are expected to:

1. Behave in a Christian manner at all times showing respect and being cooperative with adults and other students.
2. Actively participate in classroom activities and discussions.
3. Attend classes regularly.
4. Abide by the Andrew Academy code of conduct.

Living the Christian life extends beyond the classroom. It is our hope that Project SAFE students live out their faith at all times. All people are called to be people of prayer and service. Project SAFE students should make sure to set aside time for daily prayer and seek out opportunities to serve others out of charity.

Please have each child who will attend Project SAFE sign below as a sign of their commitment to adhering to the Project SAFE student expectations.

X _____ Date: _____

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