***Church of the Resurrection and St. Paul* Home Program 2020-2021**

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*“Parents have the unique responsibility for the education of their children;* ***they are the first educators****… They teach by their witness of the Faith, through their values and attitudes, by their Christian example of love for Christ and his church. When children are baptized, parents accept a responsibility to raise their children in the practice of faith.” National Directory for Catechesis 234-235*

Our Church has always proclaimed that parents are the first educators of their children. The faith communities at St. Paul and The Church of the Resurrection exist primarily to assist you in this mission to grow as Christians, live out the Baptismal promise and educate your children in the faith!

**Policies and Procedures**

In our home program we believe in building community and teaching gradually and in stages. For this reason we ask that you participate fully in the program by:

* **Attendance and Participation in Family Gatherings:** Families are expected to be at 4/5 of the monthly family gatherings. These gathering cover a variety of topics and work to engage your child in the faith. One parent from each family is required to participate in one of the family planning sessions. In the fall these meetings will most likely be conducted online.
* **Finding God Chapters:** As part of the home program we ask that you sit with your child and go over each chapter with them. Not only does this reinforce the importance of the material but it will provide opportunities for discuss between you and your child. After they have completed the chapter, they must complete the online quiz and send it in to get credit for the work. Late work will not be accepted more than 1 month past the original due date. This change is to help you stay on task and discourage having a child complete all the work at once.
* **Family Life Chapters**: Family Life encourages conversation about important topics such as hygiene, emotions, family dynamics, who they should trust, being a good friend, and the dignity of their bodies. You child is expected to turn in the unit reviews for all 5 units or if they are in middle school attend Created to Love. Late work will not be accepted more than 1 month past the original due date.
* **2 Family Service Projects**: Your family is asked to complete 2 projects that serve the community. These vary based on the age and interest of your child.

**Family Life**

Many great popes and saints have called the family “the domestic church.” It is in the homes of families like yours that the love and faith of Jesus Christ is passed down through the generations. Because of this, the Archdiocese of Baltimore asks that we implement a program called Family Life to be taught in all Religious Ed programs and schools. This program teaches your child safe boundaries, respect, good friendship, the importance of their feelings, the meaning of the family unit, and that they deserve to be believed and heard. Please realize the importance of going over these lessons with your child and reinforcing these positive messages.

**Mass Attendance**

With the many demands of today’s daily life, we understand that Mass attendance can seem like one additional chore. However, much of what is discussed and taught in your child’s faith formation class is centered on the Sunday liturgy. In many ways you are working to raise healthy and happy children, Mass attendance could be one of those ways. If there is anything, we can do to help you feel more comfortable and welcome, please don’t hesitate to contact our office. We would like to encourage your family to worship with us on a regular basis.

**Resurrection Mass Times**

Saturdays 5:15pm Sundays 7:30am

(Confession offered 4-5 pm) 9:00am

10:30am (Nursery and Wee Praise) 12:00pm

5:15pm

**St. Paul Mass Times**

Saturdays 5:00pm Sundays 7:30am

(Confession offered 4-4:30pm) 9:30am

11:30am

We are here to work with you to help teach and encourage your child’s faith. If you are reading this, you have already made the phenomenal decision to raise your child in the Church, so from the bottom of our hearts: Thank you!

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Agree to the above policies for the faith formation home program and will do my best to respect the staff, parish facilities, and other families involved in the program.

Most of all I agree to:

1. Try and talk about Jesus in my home realizing that I have a primary responsibility to bring Christ to the center of my child’s life and that the efforts of the parish will be fruitless if I do not live out my faith as if it is something worth living.
2. Arrive on time for every family gathering unless it was previously communicated that my child will not be present or will be late.
3. Communicate with Susan or Savannah if I have an issue or cannot complete something.
4. Turn in the required work and I understand that late work will not be accepted more than 1 month after the assigned date.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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