

COME TO CLASS

We are very happy to have you here at Prince of Peace Religious Education and commend you parents for the sacrifices you are making to give your child an education in the Catholic faith. At every moment, God holds us in His heart and He sustains us in every aspect of our lives. All of our catechists are striving to provide your children with a rich understanding and love for God. We are very proud of their work. Their efforts are built on the foundation of their students' regular attendance at their classes, and their being ready, willing and able to learn while in class. As parents, you know that to receive all the benefits of a teacher's work, students need to attend school as scheduled, without absences and tardiness, and to come always prepared to learn. Our teachers' success is inextricably tied to the child's and family's cooperation in the pursuit of learning. And as God is the center of our Religious Education program and the ultimate provider of our success, we turn to Him to strengthen us as we pursue knowledge and to learn what is good, what is true and what is beautiful. Since you as Prince of Peace parents already see the connection between God and knowledge, you will also see the need to follow the motto, **"Come to Class, Come to Mass."**

COME TO MASS

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is announced - first and foremost - in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Just as any education is incomplete without God, any education in the Catholic faith is incomplete without worship of God, in and through Jesus Christ, in the midst of His people gathered at the Sunday Mass each week. For a Catholic child genuinely to experience a Catholic education, especially in preparation for receiving Christ's sacraments of Penance, Communion and Confirmation, that student must participate in weekly Sunday Mass. Parents seeking to educate their children in the Catholic faith are responsible for their children's Sunday Mass attendance every week.

We thank those parents who strive to attend weekly Mass. The value that your children will reap from their experience of weekly Sunday Mass will far exceed all of our expectations and, even, our understanding. To those families who are currently not attending Mass on Sunday, we make this plea that you prayerfully consider this issue. Through the Mass, we receive Jesus' graces as He directs our hearts to God our Father. He brings true happiness into our lives. To be truly Catholic is to attend Mass every Sunday, worshipping our Lord and God in His Eucharist. Without Sunday Mass, we are ill equipped to handle the challenges and the difficulties of the coming week. **Please make it your family resolution, "Come to Class, Come to Mass."**

Our Prince of Peace Religious Education Covenant

In the Catholic Church, we are members not only of the Mystical Body of Christ but also parishioners of a specific parish church. We become members of the Body of Christ through Baptism. We maintain our spiritual unity with the Body of Christ by our continued participation in the Sacraments, by our resisting sin and by our growth in virtue. We become and remain active parishioners of a parish by being registered in that parish, by our continued support of that parish, and by our participation in the life of that parish. Membership in the Body of Christ and membership in our parish church are both very important.

Active membership in our parish church is required in order to enjoy “active parishioner” status in our Prince of Peace Catholic Church. All parishioners should be registered in the Parish for a sufficient period of time, having filled out a Registration Form. As an Active Parishioner at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, we will strive to:

1. Faithfully Attend Mass on all Sundays and all Holy Days of Obligation; and
2. Contributing to the support of our Parish, through our envelope system, or by your checks, given into our Offertory Collection; and
3. Strive to create a home life that is profoundly centered on Christ.

If you are not now an Active Member in our parish church, as above, please take steps to become Active now. Get registered; attend weekly Sunday and Holy Day Mass; contribute your support to the parish. Enjoy the benefits that active participation brings. Without a commitment to the above, families are missing out on the very greatest benefit our Church and your parish have to offer. Although it is a sensitive topic, your Church depends on your support in order to serve you and

your Catholic family well. Use of our offertory envelope system has the intended additional effect of letting your personal commitment to Mass be known. May we all commit to work together as active members of the one Body of Christ, and also of our home parish churches, rooting ourselves ever more firmly in our faith so that we may experience the complete joy that Our Lord desires for all of us (John 15:10-11). **Please, make it your constant practice, “Come to Class, Come to Mass.”**

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried. -G.K. Chesterton