

AN OPEN LETTER TO FAMILIES OF CHILDREN ATTENDING ST. PAUL PARISH C.F.F.

Subject: Responsibilities of Families of CFF Students

A child's first and most important teachers are their parents. Our children in the St. Paul CFF program will learn the most about their religion from you their parents. Our CFF instructors will provide grade appropriate instruction to inform them about our Catholic Faith.

If their instruction is to be meaningful to your children, it is absolutely necessary for you to reflect your belief in your daily lives. Your children observe your behavior even when you are not aware you are being observed.

To ensure your children not only are informed in the classroom about their religion, but embrace our beliefs as an intimate part of their lives, it is necessary that:

- You ensure that they attend their CFF class every time the class meets, and that you help them understand the basic teachings of Jesus and the Church that are taught in the classroom.
- That you accompany them to mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of obligation and that they avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly.
- You demonstrate the generosity to return the gifts you have received from God by freely giving of your time, talent and treasure. You may do this by using the collection envelope to give to the parish every Sunday, and by volunteering to help the Parish in areas where your talents are needed.
- You witness your faith. The most powerful declaration of how we fulfill our baptismal promises is to spread the good news about Jesus in our daily lives.

Our faith will go forward through our children. As parents, it is your responsibility to nurture the growth of your child/children's faith.