

**Religious Education Agreement  
2018-2019**

*Please read, sign, and return this agreement to the St. Mary Star of the Sea at the time of registration. A signed agreement is required in order for children to attend classes.*

**PARENTS**

We understand that parents are the primary teachers of their children. As parents, we agree to collaborate with St. Mary Star of the Sea Church staff to teach our children the Catholic Faith.

We agree to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation on a regular basis.

We agree to pay all registration fees due to the parish office at the time of registration.

We agree that our children will attend Religious Education classes on a regular basis. An excused absence is granted “*only*” for illness or family emergencies, but only when the staff is notified in advance of a child’s absence. Children with three unexcused absences risk delaying sacraments until a later date and/or the repeating of a school year.

We agree that children preparing for the sacraments of for First Confession, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation will complete homework, and community or parish service as required.

We agree that children will treat catechists (teachers), classmates, and the property of others respectfully.

We agree to check our email and the parish website (stmaryss.com) regularly for changes and updates in the Religious Education program.

We understand that children are assigned to a class based upon the student’s age, public school grade level, and previous faith formation. Requests for reassignment will be considered after consultation with the parents and the catechist as to what is best for the child.

We agree to provide a copy of Baptismal Certificate at the time of registration for any child seeking sacraments during the school year. (Not required for children baptized at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish.)

We understand that Saint Mary Star of the Sea parish follows the “Safe Environment Guidelines” set by the Archdiocese of Seattle. They include:

That a parent, guardian, or authorized adult over the age 18 sign children under the age of 12 into and out of their classes. Children may not enter or leave a classroom without this written approval.

That the parish implement the “Touching Safety” curriculum approved by the Archdiocese. Parents have the right to opt their youth out of the lesson, but must submit a signed “Opt Out” statement in order for their child not to be marked as a unexcused absence. Written notification of scheduled “Touching Safety” classes will be distributed two weeks in advance, and will be advertised in the bulletin and the parish web site.

I understand this agreement and agree that we (parents or guardians) will do our best to carry out the policies of the Archdiocese of Seattle and St. Mary Star of the Sea.

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

**Date**