

§300 PARENT'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

"Parents are the first and foremost catechists of their children. They catechize informally but powerfully by example and instruction." (NCD, #212)

<p>301.1. Policy The parish shall recognize the rights and responsibilities of parents as the primary religious educators of their children.</p>

Procedures

- a) The parish consults parents regarding the catechetical needs of their children.
- b) The parish gives substantive support for faith development within the home and family setting.
- c) The parish provides assistance and resources for Christian parenting.
- d) The parish involves representative parents of children from both the school and parish religious education programs on advisory groups for religious education.
- e) The parish involves parents in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of religious education programs.
- f) The parish invites representative parents to participate in an advisory role in the selection of catechetical materials. (See §1500.)
- g) The parish respects the right and supports the responsibility of parents, in consultation with the pastor and DRE or principal, to determine the readiness of their children to celebrate sacraments.
- h) The parish involves parents in the sacramental preparation of their children.
- i) The parish encourages regular communication and consultation between parents and catechists.
- j) The parish recognizes the special competence of parents in its programs of education in human sexuality.
- k) The parish provides appropriately for the needs of parents with physical disabilities, deafness, visual or hearing needs, translation needs, etc. when planning religious education events which involve parents.