

# Sacred Heart Religious Education Policies 2017-2018

*Keep this form for your records*

## CLASS/GRADE PLACEMENT

Classes are filled on a “first come, first served” basis, as each class will have a maximum number of students. All classes are held on Catechist availability. Class assignments will be posted in the Church Narthex on the weekends of August 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin August 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Your child will be placed in a class based on the grade entering, previous religious education (last grade attended) and Sacraments received. Like secular school, Religious Education is an ongoing process. It is not acceptable for students to attend only during sacramental years or to skip grades. We do understand there are families with special circumstances, and in those cases we will make every effort to bring your child up to speed.

## SACRAMENTS

Sacred Heart begins immediate preparation for First Sacraments (Reconciliation & Communion) in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Students must be registered for Sacramental Preparation, have attended Religious Education or a Catholic School for two years, and attend Mass regularly in order to receive First Sacraments. Your child will not be placed in a Sacramental Prep class if he/she has not attended Religious Education on a continuous basis. Immediate preparation for First Sacraments occur in conjunction with weekly Religious Ed. class and has a separate enrollment form.

We begin immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 9<sup>th</sup> grade during the student’s scheduled Religious Ed. class. A separate registration form is not needed. As with First Sacraments, your child will not be placed in a Confirmation Prep class if he/she has not attended Religious Education on a continuous basis.

## ATTENDANCE-*please read carefully!!!*

In order to comply with diocesan guidelines, and for your child to move on to the next grade, he/she must not miss more than **four classes**. During a sacramental year only **two classes** may be missed. Make-up opportunities will be provided. *Students who arrive 20 minutes or more after class starts will be marked absent. Students who are tardy (5 to 20 minutes late) more than three times will incur an absence.*

## DROP OFF/PICK UP

On occasion, there have been times that students have been dropped off only to find that the teacher has not arrived or it is not a scheduled class day and the student is left unattended. For this reason it is important for you to keep a copy of the Religious Education calendar and check the bulletins frequently! It is preferable that elementary students be walked to and from their class for his/her safety. Elementary students will not be dismissed to wait in the parking lot for their ride home. We ask that parents of Jr. and Sr. High students not hold up pick-up line and park if they do not immediately spot their child.

## NEWS & INFORMATION

Please check the weekly bulletin & Fleming Island Sacred Heart Religious Ed. Facebook group for updates on classes, available make-up dates, and information on Parish events during the school year.