

# REQUIREMENTS FOR CATECHISM AT CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY

## General Requirements

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1) All Children must be punctual for classes. This is a normal requirement in everything in life. Courtesy must be inculcated in all. The Door leading to the Prayer Rooms will be locked upon commencement of Catechism classes and late students will be locked out.

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2) All Children must have at least 80% attendance for promotion to the next level. This is so that they may have some basic knowledge of the topics covered. The attendance is taken to ensure that you know your child has turned up for class or not and that we too will know that you have kept them away from the classes for whatever reason.

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3) All Children must have the correct Bible for classes.

a. Primary 1 to 3 - Children's Bible "My Big Book of Catholic (Bible Stories)" Compiled by Hieidi Hess Saxton (Tommy Nelson Publishers)

b. Primary 4 to Confirmation 4 - "New American Bible"

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4) All Children absent from class must produce a MC (if Ill) or Letter from School (for school activities).

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5) All children must be appropriately dressed for Classes. Tardy attire tends to set the mood for a tardy attitude towards the class and lesson. Inappropriately dressed students will not be admitted into the Classrooms.

**Boys:** Shirt, T-Shirt or Polo-T with full length pants or jeans with shoes & socks. School uniform is permitted only if they are coming from school or CCA. School uniform does not include PT attire.

**Girls:** Full length jeans or pants or dress or skirt (knee length or longer) with blouse, shirt, T-shirt or Polo-T with shoes & socks or dress sandals. School uniform is permitted only if they are coming from school or CCA. School uniform does not include PT attire.

**Restricted:** Flip-flops, beach sandals (including cros), slippers and roller shoes. Bermudas, sports shorts, singlet, tubes, spaghetti straps, bareback, miniskirts, hot pants and any spandex clothing i.e. leggings, tights etc... and School PT shorts.

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6) Handphones and/or electronic devices/games are to be switched off and kept in their bags during class. IF USED during classes by the child, items will be confiscated and parents will have to see the Catechist to collect the items.

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7) All Children must attend all Camps, Workshops and Talks as it is part of the Catechism Curriculum.

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8) All Children must attend Eucharistic Celebration Weekly.

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## Specific Requirements

### Primary 1

1) Children must be able to pray the 'Act of Contrition', 'Our Father' and 'Hail Mary' by memory. (Interviews will be conducted)

### Primary 2

1. Children must attend Reconciliation at least TWICE in the year.
2. Parents are to attend talks on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
3. Parents are required to prepare their children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### Primary 3

1. Children must attend Reconciliation on a regular basis.
2. Children and Parents must participate in the First Holy Communion Family Program
3. Parents must participate in the First Holy Communion Neighbourhood Program for parents.
4. Children and Parents must participate in the First Holy Communion Neighbourhood Program for children.
5. Parents must participate and be involve in the First Holy Communion Preparation.
6. Parents are to attend talks on the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

### **Confirmation 1 to 4**

1) Have to participate in one church organization for 3 months per calendar year.

This is so that the teens will be exposed to the Church as a community.

2) Have to organized one church activity per liturgical year.

This is so that the children will learn to give and not always receive. This is done also for the children to have an awareness of what it means to be part of the Church.

3) Have to participate in one church organised social service event.

This enables the children to be known by the parish and become a part of the parish. Catechism which takes place up in the third floor tends to isolate the teens from the rest of the community.

4) Have to participate in one diocesan youth activity.

This is to enable the teens to have an awareness of what it means to be part of the diocese. Teens should become aware of the greater family of the Church.

5) Have to participate in one evangelisation / outreach programme.

To be a confirmed Catholic means to be ready for missionary work. The exposure is to prepare the children for their responsibility as 'adult' Catholics.

6) Have to attend two self-awareness programmes.

When these are organised in the future, they are meant to assist the children to better understand themselves and aware of the gifts that they have.

7) Have to participate in YSS when organized

Youth in the Spirit Seminar is to expose them to the Holy Spirit. This will be organised for the youths in the near future.

### **Confirmation 1**

1. For entry into Confirmation 1, teenagers must be able to pray the Act of Contrition and recite the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes by memory (Interviews will be conducted)

2. To move on to Confirmation 2, teenagers will be required to sit for an assessment and have fulfilled specific requirements when given.

### **Confirmation 2**

1. Teenagers must be able to pray the Act of Contrition and Nicene Creed by memory.

2. Teenagers must be able to recite the 10 Commandments and the Beatitudes by memory.

3. Teenagers must be able to explain the 10 Commandments and the Beatitudes.

4. To move on to Confirmation 3, teenagers will be required to sit for an assessment and have fulfilled specific requirements when given.

### **Confirmation 3**

1. Teenagers must be able to recite the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

2. To move on to Confirmation 4, teenagers will be required to sit for an assessment and have fulfilled specific requirements when given.

### **Confirmation 4**

To be confirmed:

1. The teenagers have to have attended all confirmation camps.

2. Have completed their attachments.

3. Have the report from the godparents, ministry members, and youth mentors submitted monthly.

4. Have fulfilled all the specific requirements