

ST. BARTHOLOMEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
Partnership Agreement

On the part of St Bartholomew Parish, we promise to

We the parish leaders, speaking on behalf of all, make the following promises to you as a household:

We promise to make Mass the single most important focal point of parish life. We'll prepare for it carefully and help you as a household to be well disposed for it, ready to participate, and actively engaged in the rites.

We'll welcome you to our Sunday assembly regardless of your age, ethnic background, physical state, marital status or spiritual needs. We'll maintain an open door and an open heart to you, and we'll offer you a share in the grace of Christ, which fills this church.

St. Bartholomew's Parish staff and volunteers strive to provide a **Religious Education program that is spiritually enriching; including an environment that is safe and respectful for all** who participate. We'll offer you a quality religious education program and we promise to use instructional materials faithful to the Catholic Christian church. We promise that the leaders who teach in the parish program will be prepared for their work, and will truly "echo the faith" in their own lives.

We also promise to be a resource center for your household, making available materials that best meet your needs, including books, videos, music and websites.

From time to time, **we also promise to offer you programs to assist you as a household in living your faith** more openly and explicitly. We will assist you in following the liturgical year in your own home, especially during Advent and Lent.

We'll help you as a household find ways to serve the ill, the poor, the rejected, and the suffering. We'll help you become aware of the need of the local community in which you live.

We promise to uphold and live out our Parish Mission Statement as an expression of our faith and help you do the same in everything we do.

In general, we're here for you, to help deepen and affirm your faith. We promise to assemble each Sunday to celebrate the Lord's Supper and to welcome you to join us.

**Adapted from "Households of Faith" St. Thomas a Becket Parish, Pierrefonds Qc.*



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We the _____ family will do our utmost

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To share our faith at home through discussion & prayer and encourage each other to pray daily

To respect the time, property and needs of one another

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(student’s printed name)

To respect the time and effort of parish leaders by

- Arriving on time and going directly to the church, *if a student must miss class, arrive late or leave early please inform the office so we can plan accordingly.*
- Having an open mind and heart to all experiences both during prayer services and class.
- Participating appropriately; speaking in a calm and polite tone of voice, not swearing, not being distracting or disruptive, and contributing to the topic.
- Being present to the people and activities around me by not texting, gaming or using electronic devices during prayer or class.

To respect all other students in the program by

- Including them in conversation and activities
- Helping others feel welcomed and accepted
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- Service to others
- praying for those in need

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(Student & Parent or Guardian signatures)

Student

Parent/Guardian

Please detach and return this copy to your child’s catechist