

2017- 2018 PARENT
St. Alphonsus Religious Education Program
Attendance and Absenteeism Policy

AGREEMENT ALL PARENTS: Please read and sign below: I agree to be actively involved in what my child is learning in religious education this year, spending time each week reviewing the lesson learned, and teaching the required prayers to my child. It is my responsibility to make sure my child stays actively involved in the parish community throughout the year by attending Mass regularly as well as participating in other parish events throughout the year, especially during Advent & Lent.

SACRAMENTAL PREP – First Penance, First Communion, Confirmation I understand that these are critical years in the faith formation of my child in order for him/her to be fully prepared to celebrate these sacraments. I have read and agree to abide by the attendance policy below.

SACRAMENTAL PREP ATTENDANCE POLICY 1st Penance, 1st Eucharist: Attendance of both parent and child is expected for all sessions and retreats. If your child is ill, one parent is still expected to attend. Your child cannot attend a session without an adult family member. If the family misses a session for any reason, that session must be made up* during the same month at St. Alphonsus, St. George or St. James. More than ONE absence for any reason will require a meeting with the pastor and DRE. Confirmation Yr. 1 & 2: Attendance is expected for all sessions and retreats. If your child misses a session for any reason, that session must be made up* during the same month at St. James, St. Alphonsus (Yr. 1 & 2) or St. George (Yr. 1 only). More than TWO absences for any reason will require a meeting with the pastor and DRE. *See attached calendar for all 3 Churches

SUMMER OPTION AT ST. JAMES I understand that my child's ATTENDANCE is required for each class. I also know that they must arrive on-time each day and cannot be dismissed early. If my child is ABSENT, unless it is under extraordinary circumstances, I understand that my child will be withdrawn from the Summer program and re-registered for the Fall. I understand that acceptable BEHAVIOR is required and that disruptive behavior will result in the student being withdrawn from the summer program.

FALL/SPRING OPTION If my child is ABSENT, I agree to take the responsibility of teaching the missed lessons to my child and have my child complete and hand in the Chapter and Unit Tests from the missed lessons. HOME STUDY OPTION I agree to take on the responsibility of covering the faith-based curriculum including all Chapter and Unit Assessments which must be completed and returned to the Faith Formation Office in May 2