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2017-2018 Confirmation Program Contract

The St. Thomas Confirmation Program was designed to meet the Diocese of Burlington Standards for Confirmation Programs. Acceptance into our program is based on both student and parent agreement to the following terms:

Attendance:

In order to meet the diocesan requirement for content hours students must make-up all absences. I understand that make-ups will consist of both reading and written assignments during the school year, as well as a scheduled make-up class at the end of the year. I understand that make-up work must be completed no later than one class after it is assigned. I agree to notify the instructor about each absence in advance. Regular attendance at Holy Mass is considered as the heart of the program and the source from which the program acquires its relevance and importance!

Participation:

Students are expected to fully participate in activities, discussions, and/ or projects scheduled as part of this course. Requests for adaptation should be made at the beginning of the year and will be honored if deemed appropriate by the instructor.

Course Requirements:

In addition to class attendance, I understand that class retreats are required and that there are both liturgy and service hours required by the diocese. A detailed list of dates and opportunities for these will be provided when they are available. A wide variety is offered to make some accommodation for the schedules of busy students and families. Students and families may also suggest their own ideas but these must be approved by our parish administrator Fr. Christopher Micale, and the Coordinator of Religious Education, Laura Lynch Wells.

Parish Requirements:

Students are expected to participate in at least one fundraiser for the parish, as well as assist with the bottle drive benefiting the St. Thomas Religious Education Program.

Behavior:

Students are expected to behave in a courteous manner toward adults and other students. Behavior that is disrespectful or that interferes with class instruction or activities (as determined by the catechist) will be handled in the following manner:

- 1st incident: verbal warning; parents notified.
- 2nd incident: verbal warning; parents notified to pick up student. Student will lose credit and work must be made up. Student may not return to class unless accompanied by parent for the entire class.

Parent must continue to accompany the student to class until the student can conduct him/herself in an appropriate manner.

Dress Code:

Guidelines established to help students make appropriate choices with respect to attire:

Clothing must cover:

- Stomach
- shoulders
- Back
- Undergarments

Unacceptable attire:

- Halter tops
- Spaghetti straps
- Short shirts revealing the stomach with arms raised.
- See through items (unless it covers other clothing that meets the dress code).
- Tank tops, unless covered by outer clothing that meets the dress code.
- Shirts/ blouses/ dresses with necklines lower than 4 fingers width below the collar bone.
- Skirts or dresses above the knee.
- Shorts above the knee.
- No hats on men or boys in church or in class.

Items of clothing with pictures or expressions that are anti-Christian (i.e. with messages related to sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, music artists, the occult, or denigrating others) are prohibited.

Student must initial the following:

I have reviewed the dress code for St. Thomas Catholic Church and agree to follow it. _____

Students who arrive for class wearing inappropriate clothing will be directed to change or cover it up.
Students who refuse or fail to comply will be sent home.

Other:

I understand that unforeseen events may necessitate an occasional change in program dates and times, activities and / or requirements. I will do my best to be flexible and cooperative at these times.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date _____