

***Parish of St Cecilia – St Gabriel***

1184 Newfield Avenue  
Stamford, Connecticut 06905

Dear Parents:

As summer draws to a close, school begins and we anticipate the return to religious education classes. Our first day of Sunday classes for grades 1 to 8 is September 22 -- 10:05 to 11am. Our first day for Tuesday classes grades 1 to 6 is September 24 -- 4:15 to 5:10.

This year will be one of change for all our families, those from St Cecilia as well as those from St Gabriel. We are making every effort to combine the best aspects from each parish's former program. This year may seem a bit simpler but our goal is the same: to work with you to instruct your children in their faith.

Please have your child arrive **promptly** each week. Our time is short and late arrivals cause interruptions. Regular attendance is expected. Attendance is taken at each class. Please email if your child will be absent. They will be given the missed lesson when they return. It is to be completed at home and returned to the box in the lobby marked Make-Up Work.

One of our most important concerns is the children's safety. All children in level 1 through level 5 must be signed in and out by a parent/guardian/car pool driver. Grade level sheets will be available in the school lobby.

Room assignments will be posted in the lobby. Several hall monitors and myself will be present to assist everyone in finding their correct room. Please return to the lobby to pick up your children and sign them out at the end of class.

This year we will be using Alive in Christ from Our Sunday Visitor. A lesson will be brought home each week, including a page for parents. Please look this over and review the lesson with your child.

If any type of problem, conflict, issue comes up please contact me. I will share the concern with the teacher or notify them of any changes. Our wonderful catechists are volunteers. I try to save them from any of the day to day problems/issues.

Included is a copy of the Parent Contract signed on the registration form for a quick refresh of expectations.

If you have any questions or concerns please call or email. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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### **Parent Contract**

The purpose of this contract is to ensure St Cecilia – St Gabriel Religious Education maintains an environment in which all the children may learn, participate in their faith and grow spiritually.

- + I understand I am the primary teacher of faith for my child.
- + I will attend Mass with my child.
- +I will teach my child to pray by praying daily with my child.
- +I will attend all parent meetings or send a responsible adult in my place.
- +I will bring my child to class on time.
- +I will ensure that my child will be attentive, cooperative, and respectful.
- +Any issues, problems, early pick-ups are **discussed with the DRE** (Not Teacher)
- +I understand more than 3 absences require contact/explanation with the **DRE**.
- +I will ensure my child completes missed lessons and they are placed in the **Make-Up Box**