

ST. ELIZABETH PARISH - THE FAMILY PROGRAM

*Ongoing religious formation for families with children from  
pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.*

PARTICIPATION POLICIES – SPRING 2011

*The Family Program is a process involving people's religious formation and spiritual journey. It is about developing a deeper relationship with Jesus, with God, through prayer, study, and action. It is a challenging program that calls each of us -- parents, priests, and lay leaders -- to more knowledge, greater self-sacrifice and extraordinary discipleship.*

*Your enrollment in the Center-based program indicates that you agree to the following policies:*

Parents' Participation

- a) 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> years: in a designated parents' track which will be indicated on Opening Day. The course of study will be based on past participation in The Family Program.*
- b) Once a parent achieves parish certification in Theological Renewal/Christian Living, participation is expressed by worship at Mass on the weekend.*
- c) Parents not achieving parish certification after 5 years may opt to become involved in ministerial service to the program (ie. Catechist, hall monitor, adult supervisor).*
- d) Children in PreS, PreK and Kindergarten must have a parent present in the building during religious education sessions.*
- e) If parents are absent more than 4 times, discussion with program leadership will determine if Home-Study may better meet the family's needs and the program's goals.*

Children's Participation

*All children will bring a note to class after any absence.*

*No one may take a child from class early without an Early Withdrawal Form. It is obtained from and signed by the desk monitor, then given to the catechist **IN CHURCH AT THE START OF THE SESSION**. This is absolutely necessary for the protection of your child, the parish, and to respect the catechist's plan for that class.*

*Parents will pick up children from designated places promptly at the end of the session.*