

Teacher/Aide Oath of Fidelity to the Church

I hereby do profess that I am practicing Catholic and thus eligible to be a religious education teacher or assistant for St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Being a practicing Catholic means that one follows the precepts of the Church and is loyal to the teachings of the pope (Vicar of Christ), in regards to issues of faith and morals (i.e. abortion, contraception, etc.). I realize that the Catholic Church is guided by the Holy Spirit until the end of time and is therefore infallible in regards to issues of faith and morals. I obey the Magisterium (bishops and the pope) of the Catholic Church realizing that it was Christ Himself who gave our first bishops authority when He said:

“As the Father has sent me, I also send you.” John 20:21

“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound also in heaven.” Matthew 18:18

“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore, and teach all nations teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world.” Matthew 28:20

“He, who hears you, hears me; and he who rejects you, rejects me.” Luke 10:16

I do not promote the atrocity of the culture of death *by supporting groups or individuals* that use deceptive phrases to advance this culture of death in the world. These deceptive phrases include “pro-choice,” “women’s rights,” “reproductive health,” etc.

I am living a life in accordance with the laws of God and of the Church. I have received the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. I am at least 18 years of age.

Precepts of the Church

1. To assist at Mass on all Sundays and holydays of obligation.

(Jan. 1 – Solemnity of Mary; 40 days after Easter – Ascension Thursday; Aug. 15 – Assumption of Mary; Nov. 1 – All Saints’ Day; Dec. 8 – Immaculate Conception; Dec. 25 – Christmas)

2. To fast and abstain on the days appointed.

(The Church’s current regulations in the U.S. require fasting and abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; and abstinence from meat on the Fridays during Lent. Every Friday is a day of sacrifice. We are obliged to make a sacrifice every Friday. This could be the traditional practice of abstinence from meat or another sacrifice.)

3. To confess our sins at least once a year in the sacrament of Penance.

4. To receive Holy Communion worthily during the Easter Season.

(To receive Holy Communion worthily, one must: observe the Eucharistic Fast of one hour before receiving Holy Communion; Be in the state of grace, Believe that Holy Communion is the true Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.)

5. To contribute to the support of the Church.

6. To observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage. Among other things, this means that one’s current marriage is recognized by the Roman Catholic Church.

*The Ascension of Our Lord into heaven is celebrated on the Sunday after Ascension Thursday in the Arlington Diocese.

Teacher’s Signature: _____

Date: _____