

## **PSR Class Format 2018-19**

Part of good classroom management comes from setting and defining class expectations right up front with the students in your class. When we eliminate the question, we take the guess work out of what is acceptable from what is not.

In an effort to help define clear and consistent expectations within our classrooms, we would like to establish a class format for Catechists and Aides to follow to help promote a consistency throughout our program.

- I. Students arrive
  - A. Students may bless themselves upon entering class to identify that they are entering into a holy environment.
  - B. While students arrive and attendance is being taken have a quiet, self explanatory activity to work on until you are ready to start the class, or have the students arriving early help you with any set up or prep work that you may need done.
    - a. Class will be much more manageable if you are fully prepared for class on arrival. If you are in need of any ideas, activities, copies or supplies, please let me know ahead of time and I will make sure you have what you need.
- II. Opening Prayer
  - A. Take the opportunity to encourage the kids to take turns leading opening prayer
- III. Lesson
  - A. Weekly theme for program consistency; content taught the way the Parish Catechist manual suggests or however covers the necessary content required by the diocese.
  - B. Activity (if applicable); catechist and Aide's discretion
- IV. Closing Prayer

Any extracurricular activities outside of the classroom that may take place during PSR will be scheduled into the PSR year. In the event an unscheduled extracurricular comes up, I will give you as much notice as possible for planning purposes.