

Padre Serra Parish

Household _____

Our Covenant

Fr. Patrick Mullen – Pastor

Teresa Runyon – Faith Life Minister

Tere Delgado – Faith Formation Minister

Dominic MacAller – Liturgy and Music Minister

Brett Becker – Youth and Young Adult Minister

Nancy Jorgesen – Business Manager

Adults _____

Children _____

Email _____

I. OUR PARISH PROMISE

1. We will welcome you regardless of your situation in life, whether you are single, married, divorced or widowed, whatever the state of your marriage, including those in a mixed faith marriage, and those sharing a home without marriage. We will welcome you whether you are gay or lesbian, transgender or straight, an immigrant or a newcomer; whether you are fully or differently abled, healthy or sick, old or young, rich or poor. We will welcome you whether you are struggling with your faith or firm in your commitment. We will maintain an open door and an open heart to you and offer you a place to share in the life of the parish and grow in relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. We will “keep holy the Sabbath” by making well-prepared weekend Masses the single most important focal point of parish life. We will not conduct any Sunday business meetings.
3. We commit ourselves to providing all children a safe, affectionate environment with well-trained and vetted teachers and volunteers.
4. We will offer meaningful faith formation and retreat opportunities for everyone. We will also provide quality speakers and comfortable meeting places to help you encounter Jesus.
5. We are your ministers and companions. If you call us for help, with a question, or to ask for prayer, we will do everything possible to provide it for you.
6. We will provide opportunities for you to meet with social and spiritual groups.
7. We will help you find ways to serve the poor and suffering and coach you to help people in need.
8. When you give money to God for the support of the parish, we promise to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us and responsibly care for the people, ministries, staff, facilities and our church, where we gather to celebrate and to mourn at the sacred milestones of our lives.

We enter this covenant in good faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor, representing the entire Pastoral Team

Date

Note: This is a confidential document which will be kept securely and shredded in September 2019

II. OUR HOUSEHOLD PROMISE

Indicate with C “We are committed to this,” or H “We need help with this.”

- 1. We will love our God, by making Sunday liturgy the priority, and observing Sunday as a day off, avoiding regular chores.
- 2. We will grow in our relationship with Jesus by participating in parish activities.
- 3. We will give thanks at meals, no matter where we are.
- 4. Every evening before bed, we will pause to pray, recalling the day’s blessings and our areas for growth, acknowledging how God touched our lives.
- 5. As spouses, parents and children, we will plan and spend special time together, sharing meals and conversation, turning off our TV and cell phones.
- 6. During a quarrel or disagreement, we will work for reconciliation that is explicit and spoken. We will use the words, “I am sorry” and “I forgive you.”
- 7. We children will honor our parents and we parents will love, discipline (give clear direction and consequences) and care for our children.
- 8. We will gossip less and affirm people more.
- 9. We will begin and end each school and work day with prayer for our companions, neighbors and enemies.
- 10. Once a month we will do a good deed for someone, and invite someone to church.
- 11. We commit to our personal faith goals (in your own words):
- 12. As disciples, we will serve in the life of our parish as time permits, as follows: (list first name and ministries or activities; see list: padreserra.org/ministries-a-to-z.html)
- 13. After prayer and discussion, we have decided to sacrificially and lovingly give _____ (amount or percent of income) every _____ (week, month or year) to help the parish further our mission and ministry.

All sign

Date

Please keep a copy for yourselves and bring a copy to place on the altar at Mass on October 6-7.