

**RENEWAL OF FAITH COMMITMENTS AT PENTECOST**

At Easter all Catholics are encouraged to renew their baptismal promises. At Pentecost all Catholics are likewise called to renew the commitment to living their faith in the life of the Church that they made at Confirmation.

This outline is offered as an aid to setting goals for living the faith as a committed Catholic Christian. When completed, do not return this to the parish but keep it as a reminder of your own challenges to live out your faith.

I promise to reject Satan, sin, and the glamour of evil: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

I believe in God the Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Catholic Church, the resurrection of the Body, and everlasting life: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**I will strive for spiritual growth:**

By daily prayer:

- \_\_\_ Mornings \_\_\_ Evenings \_\_\_ At Mealttime
- \_\_\_ Prayer visits to the church \_\_\_ Weekly Mass Attendance
- \_\_\_ Daily Thought for the Day (The Word Among Us, etc.)

By reading the Bible:

- \_\_\_ 1 chapter daily (ideal) \_\_\_ 1 chapter weekly
- \_\_\_ Reading the Sunday readings before Mass each week

By educating myself about my faith by

- \_\_\_ reading Mississippi Catholic ([mississippicatholic.com](http://mississippicatholic.com))
- \_\_\_ looking at the diocesan website ([jacksondiocese.org](http://jacksondiocese.org))
- \_\_\_ reading Pope Benedict's weekly talks ([vatican.va](http://vatican.va))
- \_\_\_ reading the parish bulletin/website ([stmarybasilica.org](http://stmarybasilica.org))
- \_\_\_ reading other Catholic publications (available in the church library)
- \_\_\_ participating in parish educational programs (RCIA, [Why Catholic?](#), [Bible study](#))
- \_\_\_ By promising to always receive Holy Communion devoutly and prayerfully and never to do so if I am in a state of serious sin.
- \_\_\_ By promising to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation \_\_\_ at least twice yearly or \_\_\_ whenever I have committed serious sin

**I will strive to live a moral life**

- \_\_\_ By observing the 10 Commandments
- \_\_\_ By observing the Precepts of the Church
- \_\_\_ By practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

By refraining from:

- \_\_\_ sinful/lustful thoughts, attitudes, or actions
- \_\_\_ use of pornographic material (print or internet)
- \_\_\_ making judgments about others
- \_\_\_ starting/passing on rumors
- \_\_\_ acting in anger or revenge
- \_\_\_ unfair or unscrupulous business practices

**I will strive to actively live my faith in my community**

- \_\_\_ By living my faith in my/our family; by sharing my faith with others; and my being always authentic in my efforts to live my faith.
- \_\_\_ By never acting on the basis of incorrect information about my faith: I will always verify first.
- \_\_\_ By being an active member of my parish community (conditions listed here)
- \_\_\_ Regular weekend Mass attendance
- \_\_\_ Serving in at least one liturgical role each month (usher, greeter, server, cross bearer, lector, Eucharistic minister)

Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Participating in parish life, parish programs, parish organizations, etc

Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Making a financial contribution to the parish in an identifiable, meaningful, and regular way.

I intent to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ weekly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly total

- \_\_\_ By living my faith in service to the community of Natchez
- \_\_\_ Work at the Stewpot at least once per month \_\_\_ Help with Habitat houses
- \_\_\_ Give emergency assistance \_\_\_ Help individuals in need

The one aspect of my faith life that I know I can change and I intend to change is (be specific)

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### **Ten Commandments**

- I. I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me.
- II. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
- III. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath Day.
- IV. Honor your father and your mother.
- V. You shall not kill.
- VI. You shall not commit adultery
- VII. You shall not steal.
- VIII. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- IX. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
- X. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

### **Six Precepts of the Church**

- Attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Receive the Holy Eucharist during the Easter season.
- Confess your sins at least once a year.
- Fast and abstain on appointed days.
- Observe the marriage laws of the church.
- Contribute to the support of the Church.

### **Corporal Works of Mercy**

- To feed the hungry;
- To give drink to the thirsty;
- To clothe the naked;
- To shelter the homeless;
- To visit the sick;
- To visit the imprisoned;
- To [bury the dead](#).

### **Spiritual Works of Mercy**

- To instruct the [ignorant](#).
- To counsel the [doubtful](#).
- To counsel wrongdoers;
- To bear wrongs patiently;
- To forgive offenders willingly;
- To comfort the afflicted;
- To [pray](#) for the living and the [dead](#).