

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)
- ___ looking at the diocesan website (jacksondiocese.org)
- ___ reading Pope Benedict's weekly talks (vatican.va)
- ___ reading the parish bulletin/website (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)

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](#).