



*Queen of Apostles
Community*

Religious Education Parent Handbook



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Welcome~
Dear Parent:
Welcome to Queen of Apostles Religious Education!

Thank you for registering your child in our community program for Religious Education. We designed this handbook to provide an overview of all our religious education, youth ministry, and family programs.

The Elementary, Middle and High School programs are vital to the complete religious education of your child. However, they do not stand alone as the sole provider of your child's religious education.

Rather, they supplement the religious formation you are already giving your child at home, and the experience of joining with our community for the celebration of the Mass and sacraments.

Consistent with this approach, this handbook describes our curriculum and administrative policies. It is our hope that it will give you an understanding of our program and encourage you to actively participate if you can. Please keep the success of our programs in your prayers.

Sincerely,
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Queen of Apostles Religious Education Mission Statement and Philosophy

The Mission Statement of Queen of Apostles Religious Education is to look upon each child as created in the image and likeness of God and as a reflection of God's goodness. We strive to live, teach and provide an understanding of Jesus and His message. We know it is essential to knowing Him, loving Him and serving Him always. With Mary as our model we seek to cultivate the hearts, minds and souls of our students to their fullest potential.

Philosophy

We've structured our Religious Education Program to provide catechetical instruction on the Catholic faith, guided by the Marianist Characteristics of Education, to all parish children. Marianist parish ministry gives special attention to the gathering and education of youth and young adults. Parents, by word and example, are the primary teachers of their children and teach them from birth throughout life. At Baptism, parents undertake the responsibility of providing for their child's Christian formation. The Religious Education staff assists parents in the spiritual formation and ongoing moral development of their child through a formal program of continuous religious education. In our program, we seek to provide the catechesis and skills for each child to grow and mature in understanding, positive attitudes, and faithful practice of the Catholic faith and provide opportunities for them to gather for education and reflection upon our Catholic beliefs. Through the process of catechetical instruction, we hope to deepen the faith and sense of belonging to the Catholic Church in our children now and throughout their lives.

We strive to assist children in committing themselves to a personal relationship with God characterized by a dynamic sacramental life, a lifelong pattern of prayer, Christian service, social justice, and growth in understanding the Catholic faith. This process is achieved with the joint efforts of our parish staff, catechists, parents, and students. Committed to this active partnership between parish staff, catechists and families, we confidently place our efforts in God's loving hands.

Three O'clock Prayer

Lord Jesus, we gather in spirit at the foot of the cross with your Mother and the disciple whom you loved.

We ask your pardon for our sins, which are the cause of your death. We thank you for remembering us in that hour of salvation and for giving us Mary as our Mother.

Holy Virgin, take us under your protection and open us to the action of the Holy Spirit. Saint John, obtain for us the grace of taking Mary into our life, as you did, and of assisting her in her mission.

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

The Tradition of the Marianist Three O'clock Prayer

Fr. William Joseph Chaminade, founder of the Marianists, encouraged his spiritual followers to interrupt all professional endeavor at three o'clock and to pause for contemplation. One of the earliest texts (Regulations for the Religious of Mary, 1819) defines this spiritual practice as follows: Every day at three o'clock in the afternoon each one makes a short...prayer, each one remains standing wherever he may be; only on Friday does he kneel.

The classical form of the Three O'Clock Prayer was fashioned by Father Simler for the 1885 edition of the "Marianist Prayer Book". For practical reasons, the prayer was shortened and the exact time no longer strictly observed. A special invocation to St. John was added and spiritual identification with the apostle as patron and model was encouraged.

Beginning in 1857, efforts were made to acquaint Marianist students with the three o'clock devotion. This venture, although blessed with modest success, shows that Chaminade's followers were eager to share with others what was dear to their own hearts. The suggestion of the 1928 General Chapter of the Society of Mary, to print the Three O'Clock Prayer on the back of holy cards and to distribute them in classrooms and elsewhere, illustrates a long-standing tradition which until this day has not been interrupted.

The Three O'Clock Prayer first began as a daily spiritual reunion for the dispersed members of the Sodality, and, even today, it is still considered a spiritual reunion of all members of the Family of Mary. Marianists rendezvous at three o'clock to express communion with Mary and the beloved disciple so closely united with Jesus on the Cross. They also rendezvous with other members of the Family of Mary around the world. The Three O'Clock Prayer strengthens the solidarity of those who share in the Hour of Jesus and the Hour of the Woman, meaning in the glorification of Jesus Christ and the entrusting of his ongoing mission to Mary-Church. The Three O'Clock Prayer speaks to apostles and spirituals, to pragmatists and intellectuals. It creates solidarity between those who are in a hurry and those who take their time, between those who speak English and those who speak Titumbuka (Malawi).

The Three O'Clock Prayer makes a difference in our daily routine and educates our spiritual sense. It is a bold prayer; for it is neither directly related to the overall Marianist prayer structure nor is it an integral part of our work schedule. It affirms, in a practical and active way, the living memory of what constitutes the single most important event in human history, the Calvary event.

In the midst of a secular occupation and world, the Three O'Clock Prayer witnesses the presence and the critical difference of spiritual reality in human life. The prayerful halt at three

o'clock constitutes a clear break from business as usual, and sheds critical light on how we deal with secular reality. Members of the Family of Mary are urged to be both bold and watchful. In the Three O'Clock Prayer we say: "Holy Virgin take us under your protection." Is not this what watchfulness is all about? To be under the protection of Mary, who kept all things in her heart, wasting nothing, pondering everything, critically and prayerfully? The prayer goes on: "Holy Virgin open us to the action of the Holy Spirit." The Spirit is the ultimate reason and source of apostolic boldness.

This passage was taken from *Deep Memories: A Marianist Icon* by the Rev. Johann G. Roten,

Admission Policy

We encourage all families registered at Queen of Apostles Community to enroll their children in

the program. There is no discrimination on the basis of race, sex, national origin or disability.

Children who have not been baptized for some reason and older children who have been baptized but have not yet received First Reconciliation or First Communion or Confirmation are also encouraged to enroll and we will work together to meet their needs.

Registration

Registration for Religious Education will occur in July. Registration forms for both new families and returning families are available at Mass each Sunday during the month of July and August, or to download at

<https://sites.google.com/a/qac-ohio.org/youth/religious-education-1/forms-and-documents>

Forms can then be returned to the office or mailed in directly.

Registration Fees

We use the Religious Education Program fees for educational materials, supplies, activities, stipends, etc.

Tuition for the Program is:

Postmarked or received on or before August 24th:

Preschool-grade 8:

QAC Member: \$45 for one child \$75 for 2 children \$95 for 3 or more children

Out-of-Parish Family: \$55 for one child \$100 for 2 children \$145 for 3 or more children

Crossroads: \$20 for each child regardless of QAC or non member

1st Eucharist and 1st Reconciliation

2nd grade with 2 sacraments cost an additional \$40 to the regular class cost.

Confirmation also costs an additional \$40

All registrations received after August 24th will be subject to a price increase/late fee. If you are in a financially difficult situation, please call Religious Education Coordinator to discuss payment options.

Postmarked or received after August 24th:

Preschool-grade 8:

QAC Member: \$50 for one child \$85 for 2 children \$120 for 3 or more children

Out-of-Parish Family: \$55 for one child \$100 for 2 children \$145 for 3 or more children

Crossroads: \$25 for each child

Roles and Responsibilities

Coordinator of Religious Education –Responsible for the overall administration of all Parish Religious Education and Youth Ministry Programs and reports directly to the pastoral associate.

Catechist/Co-Catechist - Catechists are faith-filled people who are called upon to be teachers and models of the Catholic life for their students. They are persons of faith who have the task of creating the atmosphere of the Holy Spirit to bring about growth in faith. They foster students to grow in personal faith and spirituality; initiate them into the faith community and its life, worship, symbols and practices in the classroom and in the community.

To insure their faithful and effective ministry, catechists need to commit themselves to ongoing growth in their understanding and practice of the Catholic faith, as well as to deepening their catechetical skills. They receive ongoing development by their parish and Archdiocesan religious education staff and the periodic training programs offered.

Catechist Aide - This volunteer may be an adult or a high school youth who is willing to support the catechist in the classroom. The time commitment involves presence at regularly scheduled classes, plus room preparation and clean up immediately before and after class. The Catechist

Aide will be welcomed and oriented to the program by the coordinator and given specific instructions by the classroom catechist they are assisting, with regard to the tasks they may be asked to complete. Typical roles include assisting students needing individual attention, helping students - especially in the primary grades -with arts and crafts projects, individual recitation of prayers, small group discussion or work projects, etc.

Parent Volunteers – We urge Catechists to take every opportunity to communicate with, and involve, their students' parents. Catechists may wish to invite grandparents or other extended family members to come as guests or speakers (e.g., a grandparent is asked to share their memories of first sacrament reception, celebrating Lent or Advent, etc.). Parents could also be asked to supply a snack for special occasions.

Catechist Training and Appreciation

We encourage parents to be involved by volunteering as Catechists. Catechists serving in the community need to be informed, formed and skilled, and are trained in their ministry by the catechetical leaders of the parish and Archdiocese. These leaders see to the ongoing support and development of those who teach the children in our community.

These words describe the need for parish Catechists to be “informed, formed and skilled” in order to insure that their ministry is carried out as faithfully and skillfully as possible. The Coordinator is committed to providing this ongoing training.

Initial Catechist Consultation: In order to determine each catechist's skills and training needs, an initial consultation is done for all new Catechists. This interview intends to assess the candidate's prior catechist training, experience in the classroom, preference of grade level, and areas of growth suggested by the candidate.

Archdiocesan Certification/Parish Training: The Coordinator keeps the catechists informed about all area catechist-training opportunities. We urge Catechists to keep their own records of courses taken and certification levels achieved.

Two general Catechist meetings are held annually for all catechists involved in our Religious Education Programs. One meeting is held prior to the beginning of the Religious Education school year and the other is held at the completion of the school year. Participation in these meetings is mandatory. The Coordinator or R.E. Committee may also convene additional Catechist meetings during the year.

Catechist Appreciation: In support of our catechists, the Religious Education department of QAC provides a caring presence able and willing to serve the catechist's needs, ongoing training of catechists, regular communications, payment for catechist certification and workshops, and reimbursement of approved out-of-pocket expenses.

Catechists with children in the Religious Education Program will be offered reduced or waived tuition. (Family fee is waived 100% for Catechists teaching alone. Family fee is waived 50% for Catechists who co-teach with another Catechist)

Each year the QAC provides a celebration for the Catechists, volunteers, and their families in appreciation of their service to the community and the children.

Role of Parents

Parents are the primary religious educators of their children (CCC 1653). The home is where a child first experiences the Catholic faith. Parents teach primarily by the example they set. It is extremely important for children to experience the love of God in their homes. The Religious Education (RE) Program aims to work in partnership with parents in order to assist them in living their vocation as educators of their children. The Religious Education Program should merely complement, not replace, the catechesis that your children should receive in the home.

The RE Program assists parents in their God-given role as educators of the Faith by:

- Providing weekly religious education classes for children in a classroom setting
- Providing the opportunity to engage them in liturgical enrichment by attending Children's Liturgy of the Word.
 - Providing opportunities to participate in charity and social justice projects
 - Providing faith community building activities.

All Christian education finds its source within the sacramental life. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that we give children the opportunity for participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and weekly Sunday attendance at Holy Mass. Please help your children participate in the life of the Church by attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

Finally, please make every effort to have your child arrive on time for class. This is particularly important because classes are held only once a week. Students should arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the start of class.

We remind you that the role of a Religious Education program can only be secondary to you, the parent. We encourage you to do all you can, and we promise to do the best we can to aide and guide in the sacramental preparation of your child.

We offer these tips for preparing with your child for participation in the sacraments:

- Attend Sunday Mass together.
- Help your child to fully participate in the Mass. Remember if you don't sing or recite the responses, neither will your children.
 - Pray with your children, you are their first example of the faith.

Role of Students

The student's role is to learn about our Christian religion and grow in faith. They are to accept themselves, their classmates, and their teachers as the wonderful persons God made them to be with individual talents and abilities, as well as limitations. They are to use their talents and abilities to help those around them. They are to accept God's grace and realize that religious education is a lifelong experience.

The Catholic faith is taught, expressed and fulfilled in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Religious Education is incomplete without weekly attendance at Mass and on Holy Days of Obligation. The Mass schedule is Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word is the last Sunday of the month. Please see the bulletin for the Mass schedule for Holy Days of Obligation. We really want to see and greet your family at Mass!

Curriculum

We base all of our classes on the Archdiocesan Graded Course of Study for Early Childhood and Elementary Catechetical Programs. We use a variety of resources to teach the classes, keeping in mind that each child learns in a different manner. The Grade-based Program uses the Blest Are We Series from RCL/Benziger.

The Sacramental Preparation Class (2nd grade) uses the RCL/Benziger Do this in memory of me (Eucharist) and We are your people the sheep of your flock (Reconciliation).

The Confirmation class will be using the Decision Point curriculum from Dynamic Catholic.

Program Calendar

You can find the school year calendar for the Religious Education Program on the community website at <https://sites.google.com/a/qac-ohio.org/youth/religious-education-calendar>

Please check the calendar periodically for updates to the class schedule as well as for the Sacramental Preparation Meetings, the Sacraments of Reconciliation, and First Eucharist, and special programs such as the "Be The Church", Youth Mass, and the May Crowning of Mary.

Catholic Social Services Toilet Paper Drive

This is a great opportunity for the students and their families to participate in reaching out to others through the month of October. This helps the children understand that there are others in our community who do not have their basic needs met. We do this service project for the entire month leading up to the QAC "Be The Church" Day.

"Be The Church"

This is a community wide program. Each individual and family is invited to participate in a Christian service or social justice project. QAC offers many options to go out and be service to others in Dayton and surrounding areas.

Operation Rice Bowl (Easter Season)

Each family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Place it on your dinner table, so you can pray for the people and communities whose lives will change because of your contribution. It is our effort to reach out to our global family to make their lives easier with our little sacrifice. Each R.E. week throughout Lent, the classes will gather to learn about the different places being helped, and the social justice projects being funded. It will help them identify with people who live in need all over the world.

May Crowning of Mary

This Marian celebration is an important devotion; therefore, each class will participate and attend May Crowning on the first Sunday of May. We invite all families to attend.

Special Needs

The Church is responsible to nourish the faith of all baptized people. Please inform the Religious Ed Coordinator of any special needs your child may have so we can best educate him/her. In consultation with the parent, the coordinator will appropriately place each child in a program that will service his/her special needs and encourage further spiritual growth.

If your child has a learning disability or health-related problem, this information should be annotated on the child's registration. All information will remain confidential, but this information will be passed on to the catechist, which will be helpful in teaching your child. The R.E. program will assist you with any special learning or behavioral challenges, particularly as they apply to the preparation for First Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation, so that they may have a full and rich experience. Please call the R.E. Coordinator to discuss how we can achieve the best experience for your child.

Attendance

The Catechists record attendance at the beginning of each class. Regular attendance is essential to the ongoing formation of your child. Students are expected to be punctual and prepared to participate fully in class. For those children preparing for the reception of the Sacraments, it is essential that they be there for each week. If your child is preparing for a sacrament and cannot attend please contact the Catechist or parish office. There are only thirty class sessions so please make every effort to get your child there on time.

Cancellations

If Queen of Apostles Community decides to cancel Mass for the day due to inclement weather, then Religious Education programs are likewise cancelled. If there is an evening meeting or event and Beaver Creek Public School cancels school for the day, dismisses school early due to

inclement weather, then QAC will also cancel the evening event. Each family will receive an email to announce the decision as soon as possible. When in doubt contact the Religious Education Coordinator or the parish office at 937-429-0510.

Medical Information

Please inform the Coordinator and catechist of any medical needs. No medication can be administered to or taken by a child during the Catechetical session. That is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian. In case of an emergency, the parent will be called first and then the emergency contact. Please keep the Religious Ed Office informed of any changes in contact information.

Use Of Electronic Devices

Please do not allow students to bring iPods, MP3 players, cell phones or other electronic devices to class. We would like to encourage the students to be present and an active part of the class at all times. To reinforce that, those bringing electronic devices will be asked to place them in a basket until the end of class.

Snacks

We ask parents to sign up for one or more weeks to provide snacks for the class. We request that the snacks be healthy. Eating sugary snacks immediately before attending Mass where they must be quiet, still, and attentive is not reasonable expectation to place upon them. There are celebrations and feast days throughout the year where they will have an opportunity to bring in special treats.

*Please note we have children with food allergies. All parents will receive information about the allergies for their children's classes at the beginning of each year.

Dress Code

All students are asked to dress modestly. As a community we strive to teach our children respect. Please be respectful to yourself when choosing your clothing. Here are some guidelines to remember:

- Shorts, skirts, and dresses worn by students must be of a respectable length (longer than your fingertips when arms placed by your side).
- Articles of clothing that depict drugs, alcohol, profanity, weapons, and sexual innuendos are forbidden.
- Halter tops, tank tops, shirts showing the midriff, spaghetti straps or any style that may be considered immodest should not be worn.

Anyone not fulfilling the dress code will be gently reminded by their catechist and need to call their parents and ask them to bring a change of clothing.

Classroom Guidelines

1. Be on time to class - Class begins promptly at 9:00 a.m.
2. Be respectful to everyone you meet - teachers and other adults, classmates and other students.

3. Be attentive to those speaking.
4. Do not hurt others with your words or actions.
5. Treat the space, furniture and supplies, with respect
6. Clean up after yourself.

Consequences for those who choose not to follow Guidelines

All corrective actions will be managed with Christian loving kindness and respect. Our Catechists strive to be consistent in keeping their classroom in order.

In the event that a student's classroom behavior is disruptive, the catechist or aide should:

- Not allow the disruptive situation to continue to persist in the classroom
 - Not embarrass the child in front of classmates
- Speak to the child and try to encourage the student to change their behavior
- If the student continues to be disruptive, send the student to the Religious Education Coordinator who will speak to the student.

If this attempt is not successful, the parents will be contacted and asked to work with their child and the catechist to have this behavior corrected.

If this does not work, the parent MUST accompany the student to class until the student's behavior is acceptable for the classroom environment.

Child Protection

All program volunteers 18 years of age and above - in both teaching and non-teaching positions - must have undergone a criminal background check. In addition, all program staff 18 years of age and above - in both teaching and non-teaching positions - must have completed the required Archdiocesan training in the awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse.

Drop-Off and Dismissal Policy

We have formulated the following safety regulations to ensure the safety of each student and will be strictly enforced.

- When dropping your child off for R.E. please do not bring them prior to 15 minutes before class.
- Parents may drop off students in front of the building for grades 3 through 8. Parents that have Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students are asked to come in and bring their child into the classroom.
- Each child may go into their classroom as long as their catechist is present. In the event that their catechist is not yet there, students are required to remain in the community room until either the catechist or aide is present in the classroom.
- At the end of each session the catechist will take their class to the door at the end of the hallway (K-6th) and dismiss them to the parent/guardian who is waiting for them.
- All parents are asked to come in and pick up their child(ren) in Si-lounge. Seventh and eighth grade students can be dismissed to the community room without a parent waiting. For the safety of every child, no student will be dismissed to the parking lot alone.
- If you would like your child to be able to walk to the chapel on their own accord please see their catechist to give your written permission for this to occur.

- The Religious Ed Coordinator must be informed by the custodial parent of the rights of the non-custodial parent.

For the safety of all the children, no child will be dismissed early from class, unless the parent comes in to pick up the child.

Parking Directions

Catechists, Aides, and Other Volunteers are to park in the lower parking lot closest to the building. Parents may park in the upper lot for Sieben Hall or in either of the church parking lots that are available.

Drop off area: If you are dropping off a student, it is essential that, in the event you leave your car, you do not block any part or area in front of the Power House or Garage located directly across from the entrance doors to Si-Lounge. These areas must not be blocked so that the facility manager and the staff of Mt. St. John can easily get to their equipment. It is vital for the maintenance of this property.

Field Trips

Throughout the year, in our Jr. high and high school programs there will be additional activities both on and off the Mt. St. John property. In the event of these activities parents will be requested to provide us with an additional permission/release forms per activity. The paperwork will be given to the students or posted on the QAC website.

Home-Schooled Students or Students Attending Catholic School

For purposes of this handbook, Catholic home-schooled students are those students defined as being home-schooled in all academic subjects by their parents, not just religion.

Home-schooling families are encouraged and welcomed to participate in our Religious Education Program. This is a wonderful opportunity to foster a sense of community within the parish and interact with other Catholic children in a controlled and caring environment.

Home-schooled students are not required to attend Religious Education classes as part of sacramental preparation; nevertheless, they must fulfill all the other sacramental requirements, and formally apply and register to be enrolled in the parish First Communion or Confirmation class. They must adhere to the same administrative deadlines. Parents and students must attend parent/student meetings. Please note that families will be obliged to pay the sacramental preparation fees but not the Religious Education class tuition. Home schooling families are required to attend all First Communion and Confirmation parent meetings. Sacramental preparation information and handouts are passed out at the meetings. Please contact the Religious Education Office for a list of the sacramental requirements.

Active participation in Marianist L.I.F.E. is required by all home-schooled and Catholic school students enrolled in the Confirmation class prior to receiving the sacrament in the fall.

Introduction to Sacramental Preparation

A central aspect of the Religious Education program is preparing children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. The preparation involves both

parents and students with mandatory parent meetings and student assignments. It is essential for students to attend Religious Education classes regularly for one year prior to the year of reception to give the child a firm foundation on which to base specific preparation for the sacraments. Students preparing to receive a sacrament should strive to have no more than five total absences from class.

Sacramental Preparation for Older Children (SPOC)

If your child would has not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and/or First Holy Communion, and is in third through eighth grade, please contact the R.E. Coordinator to choose a course of study that works for both your child and your family.

Sacramental Preparation for High School Children

On a need-by-need basis, a preparation class for all high school students who have not yet received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion could be scheduled. Call the Religious Education Office to register your child for this class. Often, however, high school students in grades ten, eleven, and twelve who have not received these sacraments will be enrolled in the Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) class.

Please call the Parish Office at 937-429-0510 to register.

The Sacraments of Reconciliation & Holy Communion

The sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion are offered as a part of the student's 2nd grade year. Details are provided to parents of rising second grade Religious Education students during the fall parents meeting of their second grade faith formation year.

The children along with their parents prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the autumn and then receive their 1st Reconciliation during Advent in December.

The children begin their sacrament preparation for First Eucharist after Christmas and continue until they make their First Eucharist during the Easter season.

The preparation for this sacrament involves active participation of parents. During the year we have family classes, liturgical planning, parent enrichment, a family service project, and class retreat.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Preparation for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation from the hands of the bishop is occurs every two years. The classes take place on the following dates after Mass until 3pm. January 8, January 29, February 26, March 12, March 26, April 9. Confirmation will be on April 27th at 7pm at Immaculate Conception Church. The preparation for this sacrament includes hours of service and a daylong retreat.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

At Queen of Apostles Community we provide Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) for a children ages 3-12 on the last Sunday of each month. Please check the on-line calendar for the current upcoming dates.

Vacation Bible School

Each summer QAC has a weeklong summer enrichment program. Our Vacation Bible School program is for children between the ages of 3 and 10. Children ages 11-17 actively participate in the program by helping with skits, games, songs, and puppet shows. Parents and grandparents participate by helping set-up for the week, teach, and preparing dinner. Please check the QAC website for registration forms and dates.

Policy Changes

We will notify parents in writing if there have been any additions or amendments to this document.

Prayer For Parents

O Heavenly Father, make me a better parent.

Teach me to understand my children,
To listen patiently to what they have to say,
and to answer all their questions kindly.
Keep me from interrupting them or contradicting them.
Make me as courteous to them as I would have them be to me.
Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes,
or resort to shame or ridicule when they displease me.
May I never punish them for my own selfish satisfaction or to show my power.
Let me not tempt my child to lie or steal.
And guide me hour by hour that I may demonstrate by all I say
and do that honesty produces happiness.
Reduce, I pray, the meanness in me.
And when I am out of sorts, help me, O Lord, to hold my tongue.
May I ever be mindful that my children are children
and I should not expect of them the judgment of adults.
Let me not rob them of the opportunity to wait on them
and to make decisions.
Bless me with the bigness to grant them all their reasonable requests
and the courage to deny them privileges I know will do them harm.
And fit me, O Lord, to be loved, respected, and imitated by my children.