

DEFINITION OF A REGISTERED MEMBER OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

St. John the Evangelist Parish is a community of baptized Catholics who seek to celebrate the Paschal Mystery as one body unified in Christ through faith. By virtue of their baptismal call, registered members of this community are responsible for the spiritual and physical growth of the parish through witness and faithful service. Participation in the life of this parish then requires a baptized Catholic to fulfill particular responsibilities, which are rooted in the Precepts of the Roman Catholic Church, according to an individual's state in life.

1. Keeping holy the day of the Lord's resurrection by participating in the Liturgy every Sunday and every holy day of obligation with the other members of St. John the Evangelist parish community.
2. Leading a healthy sacramental life through a habit of regularly celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation and frequent reception of the Eucharist.
3. Fulfilling the obligation to provide for the continuing religious education of their children. For parents who have children preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation, participating in the Sacramental Preparation Programs offered at St. John the Evangelist Parish and continued study of Catholic teaching to advance the cause of Christ.
4. Fortifying the parish community and the universal Church through stewardship of time, treasure and talent.
5. Performing acts of penance, including observance of days of fast and abstinence; 14 years and over, fasting; 18 years old, but not yet 59 years old).

By fulfilling these responsibilities, a registered member of St. John the Evangelist Parish leads a Christian life by believing, professing and practicing the Church's teaching in every facet of their life.

April 17, 1997