

RESPONSIBILITY REPORT CARD

- ❖ Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit at His baptism.
- ❖ Jesus promised His apostles that His Father would send down the Holy Spirit to help and guide them.
- ❖ Like the apostles, our Pope, Bishops and Priests are strengthened by the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ By virtue of your baptism into the Church, you TOO are filled with the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ With that membership come responsibilities. Our Pope and Bishops have created some laws to help us know and fulfill these duties called *Precepts of the Church*. These guidelines help us to see that loving God and others is connected to our life of PRAYER, WORSHIP and SERVICE and they help us to ACT as members of the Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church presents the five precepts. Sometimes an additional two are mentioned; these are also important and are treated in other areas of the Catechism. The *Precepts of the Catholic Church* describe the **minimum actions** required of a person who is a practicing Catholic. In order to grow in holiness and become more fully the persons God created us to be, Catholics are **expected to do more than the bare minimum**; yet these precepts provide a basis for faithful practice of Christianity in the Catholic Church.

We will note each Precept and you can comment on how well (or not well) you are doing...

- ❖ Attending Mass on every Sunday and Holy Day and avoiding unnecessary work on these days.

- ❖ Fasting and not eating meat on days designated by the Church.

- ❖ Participating in Reconciliation at least once a year.

- ❖ Receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season.

- ❖ Contribute to the support of the church; to provide for its material needs accordingly to your own ability.

- ❖ *Embrace joyfully the call to love and live chastely. Respect for human dignity in oneself and in others.*

- ❖ *Continue to grow in faith (even AFTER Confirmation) and support the missionary work of the Church (through your time, talent and treasure)!*
