



Reminders for the proper acts of respect inside the church

1. Let us discipline ourselves to come on time for the Mass and truly participate until the dismissal of the Mass for us to merit grace in its entirety.
2. Please do maintain silence while in Church specially during the liturgical celebration to give us the opportunity to pray and also to help others also to pray. If there is a need to speak to a neighbour, please do so in a soft and low tone.
3. Let us diligently listen to the proclamation of the Word of God and the Homily. Let us make our responses with loud and determined manner that comes for our innermost convictions.
4. Let us keep the Church clean. Do not eat or drink inside the Church.
5. Observe proper respect and decency on attire while inside the House of God. Shorts; mini-skirts; dresses with plunging neck-line; sleeveless, spaghetti or strapless tops; backless attire are not allowed inside the Church. It is always fashionable to wear a shawl to cover the shoulders.
6. It is a commendable practice to bring the children to Church. But please do keep them close to your dutiful supervision. Do not allow them to loiter around and make noise that disturb the worshipping community.
7. Bear in mind that we must be in the state of grace when receiving Holy Communion. If we are in the state of mortal sin, do go to confession first before receiving Holy Communion otherwise we add on to our sins the disrespect to the Sacred Species in sacrilege. Observe the customary Eucharistic Fast an hour before receiving Holy Communion.

8. It is our duty to care for the objects and furnishings inside the Church. Although these materials have been obtained through the donations from the faithful, we must consider them as already and exclusively dedicated for use in the Divine worship. Thus please understand that they should not and can not be borrowed for private and personal use outside the Church premises.

9. Please do not be offended when a minister of the Church would call our attention and respectfully remind us of proper respect and actions in the Church. The ministers are doing their duties of keeping order in the liturgical celebration. We should in fact and instead be thankful for these volunteers who guide us through the respectful celebration inside the Church.

10. Out of obvious courtesy for our neighbour and devout respect for the House of God and the Liturgical celebration, switch off or put to silent mode your cellphones and other disrupting electronic gadgets. Do not use them while inside the Church.

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