

Christ Church, Dartmouth
Holy Manners for Conversations Together
“They will know we are Christians by our love.”



Each of us will take initiative to:

- to treat one another with the respect and dignity with which we would like to be treated.
- Ask Speak for oneself – *I think, I feel, I do.*
- questions for clarification when we don't understand
- Lead by example.
- Communicate clearly.
- Recognize that we all come from diverse backgrounds and ways of doing things.

Each of us will listen:

- Be respectful – *listen without interrupting.*
- No mumbling or side conversations while someone is speaking.

Each of us will care about others:

- Identify that we come from different backgrounds and our comments touch one another in various ways.
- We seek to maintain the self-confidence and self-esteem of others.
- Challenge the idea/plan/program, *not the person.*
- Apologize when necessary.
- Value our diversity of opinions.
- We will not use poor language.
- Respect the boundaries of others - *time, space, feelings.*
- Accept responsibility for how our speech and actions impact others.

Each of us will:

- Represent the Parish of Christ Church, Dartmouth to the best of our ability when engaging the outside community, and with one another.
- Accept the possibility that listening to others may change our mind.