

《 About manners for visiting the churches 》

*Please make sure that the following things are respected.

The churches are sacred buildings that local Christians have carefully kept as place for prayer over generations. They are “God’s house” and not tourist attractions.

Before visiting the churches, please explain the visiting manners listed below to your tourists in the vehicles or in other places.

Reception staff of the churches (called “church keepers”) will confirm the number of visitors and explain the precautions. It is supposed for persons in charge, such as tour guides, to contact the reception staff when arriving at the churches.

Also please contact the reception staff when you leave the churches.

【Manners for Visiting the Churches】

- No hats in the churches.
 - Keep calm especially inside the churches, and also outside as much as possible.
 - No photos are basically allowed in the churches.
 - Please do not enter the chancel (around the altar and bordered by a fence) and the choir in the 2nd floor.
 - No eating, drinking and smoking in the churches.
 - Please use public toilets in “Michinoeki” roadside stations and other places before arriving in the churches. (As toilets of the churches are intended for use by local church-goers, please refrain from using them unless in emergency.)
 - Please do not enter the churches when you get drunk.
 - Please do not forget to close the doors when leaving the churches.
 - Please do not touch private belongings in the churches such as the Bibles.
- * Visitors are sometimes not allowed to enter the churches during Mass and other ceremonies. Thank you for your cooperation.