



Our Lady of the Magnificat Religious Education

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Dear Religious Education Parents,

What a year 2020/2021 has been. It is my hope and prayer that the effects of the last year haven't devastated your family. My continued prayer is we will get back to more normal way of life sooner rather than later.

We are hoping for in-person instruction when we start Religious Education classes in the Fall of 2021. We will continue to offer the At-Home Learning as well as an added option. There will be an additional component to that program which will be assessments that will need to be handed in at the end of each chapter.

The registration tuition for the religious education program this year is \$260 for the first student, \$110 for the second student and an additional \$50 for the third child. A fourth child is free. Tuition is due at the time of registration. A \$500 cap on tuition applies to any family that has students in both the Religious Education and Confirmation programs. The tuition information is on the registration forms. Please note there is a late fee of **\$50** for any registration received after **May 17, 2021**. Our policy continues to hold – finances will **never** be a deterrent for a student to attend Religious Education. As always, if any family has financial difficulties, and needs help with tuition, please send in the registration with a note so stating and we'll work with each family on a case-by-case basis.

Registration will be accepted on a first come basis. When all grades are full, registration for a particular session will be closed. If you are a catechist/teacher in our program you will get first preference in session choices and free tuition. We will do our best to accommodate each family. All enclosed registration forms should be **mailed in with a tuition check by May 17, 2021 to avoid the \$50 late fee.**

If you are registering a child for the **first time**, please do not use the enclosed "Return Registration Form." New registrations must be completed on the salmon colored form that is marked "**Registration Form (New Student)**." For new registrations, be sure to include a copy of your child's **Baptismal Certificate**. New registration forms are available on the OLM Church website (www.olmchurch.org/forms-religious-ed-confirmation) or by calling the Religious Education Office. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

We are in need of catechists (teachers) and aides in order for this program to exist. You will learn so much more than you imagine. It is a wonderful way to share your faith with the children of our parish and to grow in your own faith. Please take time to read the enclosed letter (blue) and complete the attached volunteer form and prayerfully consider joining our team.

You can expect the calendar for the program sometime in August.

Together let us continue to improve our program and make it the best for our students! Your suggestions and involvement are always welcome. I am looking forward to continuing on this journey with you and your family. As I am sure you will agree, the yearly, continuous faith formation of your child is most important to keep that "faith muscle" active and engaged. I ask you to please make Religious Education and attending weekly Mass (in-person or live streaming) a priority on your child's calendar. Their faith will serve them well after all the extra-curricular activities have faded away.

Peace and joy,

Mary Ramsden, DRE