

## HOME SCHOOLING POLICY

With prior approval from the Pastor and the PSR Coordinator (REC) and according to this policy, parents and/or family members may provide formal catechesis for their own children in their home.

Listed below are the procedures for Home Schooling Policy (adapted from the “Guidelines for Catechesis” established by the Diocese of Cleveland):

1. If a child is unable to attend classes during the times that St. Mary’s PSR meets, then the parent or guardian should be encouraged to investigate a PSR program at another parish that meets on a different evening.
2. If the child is not able to attend another parish’s PSR program, then the parent or guardian is to schedule with the PSR Coordinator to discuss the home schooling process and to receive teaching materials. The student should meet with the PSR Coordinator before home schooling starts to understand his or her responsibilities.
3. The PSR Coordinator (REC) will review the child’s situation and desire to be Home Schooled with the Pastor for approval. The REC will contact the child’s parents to share the Pastor’s decision.
4. The parents or guardians are to meet with the PSR Coordinator for training, advice and consultation every 6-8 weeks to discuss how the home-based catechesis is developing. These meetings also provide an opportunity for the PSR Coordinator to evaluate the families’ catechetical efforts.
5. The student, with or without the parents or guardians, is to meet with the PSR Coordinator every 6-8 weeks to review the topics covered between meetings and allow the PSR Coordinator to review the completed work for those topics.
6. Home-schooled students’ families will be responsible to find out through the Parish website and bulletin about any community activities, liturgical celebrations or other enrichment opportunities offered to the PSR students. The REO Administrator will also include the family in emails about upcoming events.
7. Sacramental Year (grade 2 a/or 8)
  - a. Sacramental homeschooling will be arranged through the PSR Coordinator only.
  - b. There is a \$35 fee for all years except sacramental years. The fee for sacramental years is \$65.
  - c. In order to provide a total picture of the community of faith during the year of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, a combination of regular Mass attendance, presence at PSR sessions and homeschooling will be required. Scheduling will be arranged through the PSR Coordinator only. Refer to the PSR Parent Handbook for further information.
  - d. The meetings and expectations mentioned above (#3,4,5) will also be required.