



DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Office of the Bishop

May 25, 2021

Religious Education Programming for 2021-2022

Now that we have initiated a physical return to the celebration of Mass, we must turn our attention to the formation and education of our youth and their full return to in-person catechetical formation in our parishes and schools. In the fall, all schools and parish schools of religion (CCD programs) will return to regular in-person daily or weekly programming following current policies especially regarding contact hours.

A true benefit of our time with online classes is the increased involvement of the parents in the formation and education of their children. While we want to keep this focus in mind and find new and creative ways for our parents to be involved with the spiritual development of their children, our role as a support system for families is still very much in my mind as the “first catechist of the diocese.” (DC #114)

There is great importance placed on the community of believers being essential in the formation of youth, beginning in the Scriptures and echoed today in the *Directory for Catechesis*. In Acts of the Apostles, we hear the Ethiopian ask Philip, “How can I, unless someone instructs me?” (8:31) In the *Directory*, there are over 35 references to the community as formulators and another large emphasis is placed on the role of formed catechists as the instruments of accompaniment. Both echo the writings of Pope Francis as mirrored in our diocesan pastoral plan. “The faith is professed, celebrated, expressed, and lived above all in community...Catechesis, therefore has the task of developing the sense of *belonging* to the Church; teaching the sense of ecclesial *communion*, promoting the acceptance of the Magisterium, communion with pastors, fraternal dialogue; forming believers in the sense of ecclesial *co-responsibility*, contributing as active participants to building up the community and as missionary disciples to its growth.” (DC # 88 – 89)

While the use of media is quite important as a tool for evangelization and catechesis, it cannot serve as either witness or as a means of accompaniment. The key element of all evangelization and catechesis is to foster a relationship with Jesus Christ in our children, youth, and their families. This is truly accomplished through properly formed catechists who work in collaboration with the Magisterium and through the power of the Holy Spirit to:

Be a witness of faith and keeper of the memory of God, keeping nourishing and bearing witness to the new life that stems from this...

Be a teacher and a mystagogue who introduces others to the mystery of God...with a twofold task of transmitting the content of the faith and leading others into the mystery itself...

Be an accompanier and educator of those who are entrusted to him by the Church; the catechist is an expert in the art of accompaniment and has educational expertise, is able to listen and enter into the dynamics of human growth, becomes a travel companion with patience...and through a process of formation helps his brothers to mature in the Christian life... (DC #113)

As we embark on this new educational and catechetical year, please know of my prayers for you and your staff of trained personnel who will lead our children, youth, and families into this personal relationship with Jesus Christ. As we restore regular in-person catechetical formation, please know that our Formation and Education Offices are available to assist you and provide you with any assistance you may need to ensure that all our families are being served.

Sincerely yours,

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Most Reverend Felipe J. Estévez, S.T.D.
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Religious Education Registration Form

2021-2022

Today's Date _____

Parents/Guardian _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Indicate Yes/No for all sacraments received.

Child's Name	M/F	Date of Birth	Grade in 2021-2022	Baptism Yes/No	Received Eucharist	Received Reconciliation	Received Confirmation

Please let us know if you have older children who still need further preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. If your Child was not baptized in the Catholic Church, please note in which faith they received their baptism. All students are required to submit a copy of their baptismal certificate at the time of registration.

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Registered members of Holy Family Church () Yes () No If no, you must submit a parish registration form to the office. Have you previously participated in Holy Family's Religious Education Program? () Yes () No If yes, date and year _____

If no, have you been involved with another Religious Education Program or Catholic school program? () Yes () No Name and location of previous program: _____

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Parent/Guardian Information

Father _____

Mother _____

Business _____

Business _____

Cell Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Religion _____

Religion _____

Marital Status: Married ____ Divorced ____ Single ____ Widow ____

Child/Children live with () Father () Mother () Both () Other _____

(Fill out back side)

2021-2022 Student Information (Side 2)

Religious Education Classes:

Pre-K & Kindergarten: Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00am in school

1st – 8th grade: Wednesday evenings from 6:45-8pm in school

An essential part of your child's religious education is weekly attendance at Sunday Mass.

Religious Education Fee Schedule ~ payments due at registration

Registration Fee before September 20, 2020: \$45 first child and \$35 for each additional

Register after September 20, 2020: The rate will be \$50 per child.

Sacramental Fees: \$40 ~ Applies to First Communicants ~ \$35 Confirmation Candidates.

Emergency Information

Alternate Emergency Name _____ Telephone Number _____

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As a parent and/or guardian, I authorize the treatment of my minor child/children by a qualified and licensed medical doctor in the event of a medical emergency, which, in the opinion of the attending physician, may endanger his or her life, cause physical disability or undue comfort if delayed. This consent is granted only after a reasonable effort has been made to reach me.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

******Medical Information******

Please provide the following information so that we may better meet the needs of your child.

<i>Child's Name</i>	<i>Chronic Illness</i>	<i>Learning Disabilities</i>	<i>Allergies</i>	<i>Daily Medications</i>	<i>Other</i>