

## Policy 510 St. Ludmila Parish Faith Formation Home School Policy

In an effort to support and encourage St. Ludmila families who desire to formally home school their child(ren) for faith formation, the Faith Formation Commission (FFC), in conjunction with the parish pastor and Archdiocesan FFC guidelines, has set for the following policies:

1. Other parishes' recognized homeschool programs may also meet the St. Ludmila homeschool program guidelines if the specifics of the programs include the same, or nearly the same, requirements as those set forth by St. Ludmila Parish. Other, unrecognized parish homeschool programs, or those not meeting the requirements of the St. Ludmila parish homeschool program and the Archdiocesan guidelines for homeschooling, may be completed in addition to the St. Ludmila parish homeschool offering, but not in place of the recognized program at St. Ludmila Parish.
2. Textbooks and materials used should be those used by the St. Ludmila Parish Religious Education program or preapproved by the Director of Religious Education. Per Archdiocesan policy, materials and topics covered are to include the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Curriculum and human sexuality education.
3. Parents who are homeschooling are asked to attend at least two adult education activities that are offered in the parish each year. These events are advertised in the parish bulletin and on the parish website.
4. As a checkpoint of progress, and to assist the parents/guardians in educational formation process, homeschool families are to meet with Fr. Ken twice during the program year. There are two options for meeting times. Parents can choose to attend the meetings scheduled between Masses or the Family Formation Nights. This year the Sunday options between Masses is from about 9:15 to 10:15 on November 11<sup>th</sup> and January 27<sup>th</sup>. Family Formation Nights will be November 4<sup>th</sup>, January 6<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup> during regular Religious Education class time. Parents will also be asked to give a progress report to the DRE twice a year in which they will report

what they have covered from the materials that were given to them and the progress of their child(ren). The DRE will remind parents by email as to when this should take place.

5. Homeschooling is not allowed (unless circumstances warrant it and approved by Fr. Ken) for students in the sacramental programs of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation (grades second and tenth).
6. Religious Education homeschool families are to pay one half of the annual religious education tuition rate. These fees cover the cost of the materials, administration and resources provided to home school families.
7. Financial hardship should never deter a student from being enrolled in the Faith Formation Program at St. Ludmila. Financial assistance is available and the request for such assistance should be discussed with and approved by the DRE.
8. All questions regarding the St. Ludmila Rel. Education homeschool program, and request to preview approved materials, should be directed to the Director of Religious Education (Monica Rannals, 362-8148).
9. For additional information, please see Archdiocesan policies set forth by the AFFC and ACSB in the Archdiocesan Policy Manual, especially policy #5117.1. The policy manual can be viewed in the St. Ludmila Religious Ed. office or online via [www.dbqarch.org](http://www.dbqarch.org).

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