



2021-22 PREP & Confirmation Registration

Registration materials for our PREP/Confirmation Preparation Programs are now available! Due to the ongoing uncertainties of the COVID-19 situation, we will be offering homeschooling for the 2021-22 school year. See the registration materials or contact the DRE for more details.

Registration materials may be downloaded from the PREP homepage on the parish website. *Please note that the registration form cannot be filled out online, but must be downloaded, printed, and submitted.* Please submit your completed forms and appropriate tuition fee as soon as possible. Your quick registration and payment allows us to take advantage of special offers on text books and materials and helps us to keep PREP tuition as low as possible. **PREP registration will conclude on August 31, 2021.** We greatly appreciate your help with this! Please follow these guidelines to make registration as easy and efficient as possible:

1. Please read and complete all registration materials and submit them to the DRE by: (a) mail to Director of Religious Education, St. Basil the Great Parish, 2330 Kimberton Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460; (b) by dropping them off at the DRE Office in the Parish Life Center; or (c) scanning and emailing them to dre@stbasils.org. You only need to fill out one form per family.
2. If you are registering a child for the **first time or for PREP Level 2 or Level 7**, please include:
 - a. A copy of each child's Baptismal certificate if the child was not baptized at St. Basil the Great Parish.
 - b. A copy of each child's First Penance and First Holy Communion certificates, if applicable, if either of those sacraments were not received at St. Basil the Great Parish.
 - c. Information from a prior Parish Religious Education Program, Parish or Regional Catholic school, or Catholic Academy if your child is entering Level 2 or above.
3. Tuition rates for the 2021-22 year are listed on the registration form. Payment may be made through our parish website **via Online Giving (preferred method)** or by check made payable to St. Basil the Great Parish. Financial assistance and/or payment plans are available for those in need – please call the DRE immediately if you need to discuss a payment plan.
4. All sacraments and sacrament preparation must be received at your home parish. This includes parent meetings, student meetings, retreats, and rehearsals, to the extent they are held. We currently expect that Confirmation will be received in spring 2022 for SBG Level 7 students and First Penance and First Holy Communion will be received in winter 2021/spring 2022 for SBG Level 2 students. This is subject to change, however, due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.
5. Please contact the DRE at (610) 935-1261 or jimkingdre@gmail.com if you have any questions. We thank you for choosing to enroll your child/ren in our religious education programs and look forward to a successful and faith-filled 2021-22 year!

Jim King, Director of Religious Education

**St. Basil the Great Parish
Department of Religious Education**

2021-22 PREP HOMESCHOOL AGREEMENT

This 2021-22 PREP Homeschool Agreement (this “Agreement”) is by and between St. Basil the Great Parish (“SBG”) and the parents/guardians set forth herein (collectively referred to herein as “we”, “our”, “us”, or “you”). It sets forth the terms and conditions by which the child/ren listed on the 2021-22 Parish Religious Education Program (“PREP”) Homeschool Registration Form attached hereto as *Attachment A* will be allowed to participate in such program for the 2021-22 school year.

As a condition to our child/ren being allowed to participate in the SBG PREP Homeschool Program, we agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. We and/or our child/ren are registered parishioners of SBG or if we are members of another parish, we have already provided the SBG Director of Religious Education (“DRE”) with a letter of permission from our Pastor.
2. We will be educating our child/ren in our own home.
3. We have reviewed, understand, and agree to all terms set forth in the Guidelines for Home-Based Catechesis for Children of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, which is attached hereto as *Attachment B*. We further understand and agree that in the matters set forth in those guidelines, the Pastor’s designee is the DRE.
4. **For 2nd and 7th grade children only** – Our child/ren will be assigned grade specific religious education teacher(s) who will communicate with us via email to provide weekly assignments, answer our questions, and help monitor and assess our child/ren’s progress. It is our responsibility to ensure our child/ren complete all such assignments, chapter reviews, and assessments in the timeframe and manner requested by such teacher(s).
5. **For all children other than those in 2nd and 7th grade** – Our child/ren will not be assigned a grade specific religious education teacher (although the DRE will be available to answer our questions, etc.) and we will guide our child/ren through the textbook for their respective grade each week. We agree to have our child/ren complete the chapter reviews and send the results to the DRE on a weekly basis in the manner and as instructed by the DRE.
6. This program will run from September 2021 through May 2022.
7. Since the curriculum is graded and presented in a developmental sequence, children may not arbitrarily skip levels. If children register with delayed or no previous religious instruction, they may or may not be placed in the same PREP grade level they are in school. If this situation applies to us, we will discuss this with the DRE prior to the start of instruction.
8. We understand that we will receive the appropriate curriculum materials needed to effectively instruct our child/ren at home. The PREP materials provided will be grade specific for each student and will include a textbook, E-learning tools, and an accessible website for resources, lessons, and activities. We understand that SBG hopes to enrich the homeschool materials and experience throughout the year by providing additional materials and event opportunities from time to time, pandemic permitting. To that

end, we understand that the Pastor, the DRE, and/or our child/ren's teacher(s) may send audio and/or video messages to us to be viewed by us and/or our child/ren. Such messages may also be posted on the parish website and/or social media pages for us to access as we wish. The Pastor and/or the DRE may also host periodic in-person and/or Zoom/online retreats, family nights, parent meetings, or other services, meetings, or events, pandemic permitting. We understand these possible events are in the planning stages now and details will be provided to us if and when they are finalized. **We will monitor and be responsible for all of our child/ren's online activities, communications, and behavior in connection with this program including viewing and/or participating in any of the foregoing events, messages, and content.** We agree that we will not share the link to any Zoom or other online meeting, event, or content except to other parents with a child in our child/ren's class, if applicable.

9. Members of SBG are part of a community of worshipers because we believe in the Mystical Body of Christ. As such, we will, and will ensure our child/ren will: (a) participate in the communal devotions that are scheduled for families in PREP; and (b) involve our child/ren in the life, mission, and work of the Church.

10. We will ensure our child/ren memorize prayers appropriate for each grade level. Such prayers can be found at http://phillyocf.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Traditional_Prayers_for_PREP1.pdf

11. We understand that if we have any questions regarding the curriculum materials, the requirements for the receipt of any sacraments, or any other matter involving this program or the religious education of our child/ren, it is our responsibility to contact the assigned teacher(s) and/or DRE, as applicable, to discuss these issues and resolve them.

12. **For 2nd and 7th grade students only:** We understand and agree that: (a) it is our responsibility to obtain the dates and times for all parent meetings, practices, retreats, and events related to the reception of a sacrament and to attend, and/or cause our child/ren to attend, all such meetings, practices, retreats, and events; and (b) our child/ren may be requested to participate in a short interview with the DRE to attest to readiness to receive the sacrament. If our child/ren has not demonstrated a reasonable level of understanding regarding the curriculum and the sacrament, the DRE may, after careful and thoughtful reflection and consultation with the Pastor, defer my child/ren's reception of the sacrament.

13. We understand that our child/ren may be evaluated (written test or oral review) with a mid-year assessment and final assessment as requested and required by the assigned religious education teacher(s) or DRE.

14. We understand and agree that if the DRE determines that our child/ren has not successfully attained a reasonable level of understanding regarding the curriculum that he/she is studying, the DRE may require the child/ren to undergo additional instruction to attain such understanding.

15. We understand and agree that our failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement may, after thoughtful and careful reflection by the DRE in consultation with the Pastor, result in my child/ren being required to undergo additional instruction sufficient for him/her to move on to the next PREP level including, without limitation, being required to repeat instruction again at their current PREP level.

16. We understand that SBG must comply with Archdiocesan obligations regarding providing Safe Environment lessons and information to our child/ren. The DRE will be providing further

information on this later in the PREP year and we will cooperate with the DRE to ensure that the parish meets these obligations with respect to our child/ren in the timeframes provided.

17. We understand that the tuition for this program is \$160 for 1 child, \$275 for 2 children, and \$375 for 3 or more children. This tuition amount covers the materials and our administrative costs (e.g. materials costs, copying costs, office overhead, DRE time to monitor progress, additional record keeping, etc.). **Tuition fees and registration materials are due by August 31, 2021.** The preferred method of payment is through Online Giving, which is available through the parish website. You may also pay by check made payable to St. Basil the Great Parish. Financial aid may be available for families that can demonstrate a true need. The DRE, in consultation with the Pastor, makes all decisions regarding financial aid.

18. We understand that we are to be the ones communicating with the DRE and/or our child/ren's teacher regarding assignments, assessments, events, etc. Since it is our responsibility to monitor our child/ren's online activities and communications, by signing below we hereby knowingly consent to the DRE and/or our child/ren's teacher(s) receiving and responding to any and all communications sent by our child to them in connection with this Agreement and PREP activities, events, etc.

I acknowledge and agree I am signing this Agreement and the 2021-22 Parish Religious Education Program Homeschool Registration Form on behalf of all Parents/Guardians. Please sign two copies of this Agreement. Keep one for your files and return one to the DRE.

Signed (Parent/Guardian): _____ Date: _____

DRE Signature: _____ Date: _____

For DRE use only:

Chapter Reviews completed: _____ Mid-year Assessment: _____ Final Assessment: _____

This student has successfully completed the _____ grade religion curriculum.

Attachment A – 2021-22 Parish Religious Education Program Homeschool Registration Form

For Office Use
 Family Name: _____
 Home Parish: _____
 Date rec'd: _____
 Fee: _____ Check #: _____ Online Payment: _____

St. Basil the Great Parish, Phoenixville

2021-22 Parish Religious Education Program Homeschool Registration Form

Registration Period Ends: August 31, 2021

Family Tuition Rates: 1 child/\$160, 2 children/\$275, 3 or more children/\$375

For first time registrations, please provide all requested information and a copy of each child's Baptismal Certificate if not Baptized at St. Basil the Great Parish. For all other registrations, please complete first 5 columns (shaded in gray) ONLY. Please print clearly. Thank you.

Child's Full Name (First, Middle, & Last)	M/F	Date of Birth	Last PREP Level Completed	Name of School Attending and Grade in 2021-22	Baptism Date & Parish	1 st Penance Date & Parish	1 st Communion Date & Parish

Family Name: _____ Home Phone #: _____ Home Parish: _____

Address: _____ Email(s): _____
Street City Zip Code

Father's Name: _____ Cell Phone #: _____ Religion: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Cell Phone #: _____ Religion: _____

CUSTODY: Are there any custody/legal issues? ___yes ___no (If yes, please provide a complete copy of the latest court order.)

*Name of person responsible for religious education if not a Parent/Guardian: _____ Relationship: _____

*Parent/Guardian must provide a signed, dated letter of permission to the DRE which is to be kept on file and updated annually.

By signing below, I hereby agree to the following:

- I understand and agree to all program requirements and expectations of the Parish Religious Education Homeschool Program as outlined/provided.
- I give permission for my child/ren's name(s) and/or image(s) to appear on the parish website, social media pages, bulletin/message boards, bulletins, sacramental or event programs, print media, any other similar or related media, any synchronous or asynchronous remote learning which may be recorded and posted by the parish online, and any live-streamed and/or recorded liturgies, classes, events, and/or meetings associated with the parish religious education program and/or other parish events posted online.

Signed (Parent/Legal Guardian): _____ Date: _____

Family Name: _____

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

Since your child/ren is expected to attend activities and events associated with parish religious education programs, please provide the following information:

Health Insurance Co: _____ Policy/Group No: _____

Person Responsible for Charges: _____ Physician's Name: _____ Physician's Phone #: _____

If we are unable to reach you, whom should we contact?

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone #: _____

CONSENT FOR MEDICAL CARE:

I give permission that, in my absence, my child/ren whose names appear on page 1 of this Registration Form, may receive emergency medical care for injuries and all situations that should occur while participating in parish religious education programs and related events and activities. I accept responsibility for all medical expenses arising out of my child's participation in parish religious education programs and related events and activities.

Signed (Parent/Legal Guardian): _____ Date: _____

MEDICAL/LEARNING DATA:

If any of the following apply to your child, please list his/her name, check the appropriate box, and give details in the appropriate spaces.
 If you answer "Yes" to G/IEP or 504 Service Agreement, then please also complete and attach a detailed Child Information Form (available from the DRE).

Child's Name	Medical Conditions or Allergies (please describe below if yes)	Prescribed Medications	Learning Support Services or *Disability (see IDEA definitions below)	IEP Individualized Education Program	**Immunization Are your child's vaccinations up to date?
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>If no, has he/she received an exemption from your current school district</i> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>If no, has he/she received an exemption from your current school district</i> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Family Name:

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*** IDEA:** As defined by Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the term "child with a disability" means a child with: an intellectual disability, a hearing impairment (including deafness), a speech or language impairment, a visual impairment (including blindness), a serious emotional disturbance, an orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, another health impairment, a specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, or multiple disabilities, and who, by reason thereof, needs special education and related services.

****Immunization:** *Even if your child is exempt from immunizations, he/she may be excluded from events during an outbreak of the vaccine preventable disease.*

Is there other information about your child/ren that we should know?

RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT:

In consideration for my child/ren being allowed to participate in St. Basil the Great Parish religious education programs and related events and activities ("PREP Activities"), I, as the parent/guardian with legal responsibility for my child/ren, hereby consent and agree, on behalf of myself, my child/ren, my spouse, our heirs, executors, next of kin, legal representatives, assigns, and any other person or entity who can bring claims on behalf of me, my child/ren and/or any other such person, to waive, release, agree not to sue, and forever fully discharge the Archbishop of Philadelphia, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, all parishes therein and their pastors (both in their individual capacity and in their capacity as pastors including, without limitation, St. Basil the Great Parish and its Pastor), and all of their respective lessors, affiliates, successors, and assigns, and all members, directors, officers, employees, contractors, agents, volunteers, and representatives thereof (collectively, the "Released Parties") from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, losses, damages, liabilities, judgments, costs, and expenses whatsoever arising out of or connected in any way, directly or indirectly (including, without limitation, injury, illness including from COVID-19, death, or loss of property), with my child/ren's participation in the PREP Activities, except if caused by the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of any of the Released Parties which shall not be imputed to any other Released Party (each a "Claim" and collectively, "Claims").

If, despite the waiver and release above, I or anyone on my or my child/ren's behalf makes a Claim against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, judgment, or cost which may be incurred as a result of such Claim.

BY MY SIGNATURE, I ACKNOWLEDGE I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THE TERMS. I UNDERSTAND I AM GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING MY RIGHT TO SUE. I ACKNOWLEDGE I AM SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY AND INTEND THIS TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

Signed (Parent/Legal Guardian): _____ Date: _____ Relationship to Child/ren: _____

Attachment B -- Guidelines for Home-Based Catechesis of Children in Archdiocese of Philadelphia

GUIDELINES FOR HOME-BASED CATECHESIS OF CHILDREN ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

I. HOME-BASED CATECHESIS

“Catechesis describes the essential ministry of the Church through which the teachings of Christ have been passed on to believers throughout the ages....Catechesis is an education in the faith of children, young people and adults.” (*National Directory for Catechesis*, no.1) Home-based catechesis is understood as the work of Catholic parents/guardians who undertake the formal religious education of **their own** child(ren) for any length of time and in **their** home.

II. DOCTRINAL FOUNDATIONS

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia recognizes that the Church’s teaching consistently affirms that parents are called to be the primary educators of **their own** children.

- “Since parents have conferred life on their children, they have a most solemn obligation to educate their offspring. Hence, parents must be acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children.” (Second Vatican Council, *Declaration on Christian Education*, no. 3)
- “Parents have the first responsibility of the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2223)
- “Parents are the first and most important educators of their own children.” (John Paul II, *Letter to Families*, 16)
- “Parents have the right and the duty to choose the kind of educational environment that they determine best suits their children’s educational need. Therefore, home schooling is a viable option for the general education of children.” (*National Directory for Catechesis*, no.61)

III. PASTORAL APPLICATION

Although home-based catechesis is a viable option, the words of Pope John Paul II must also be considered: “Catechesis can be given anywhere, but I wish to stress ... that the parish community must continue to be the prime mover.” (*Catechesi Tradendae*, no.67)

Parents who choose to provide the religious instruction of **their own** child(ren) in **their** home must recognize that “Catechesis must be complete and authentic. The bishop of the diocese, the pastor of the parish, the parents, and the children all have God-given responsibilities that must be respected in considering home-based catechesis....Parents who choose...to be the primary catechist of their children must adhere to the guidelines for catechists as outlined by the diocesan bishop.” (*National Directory for Catechesis*, no.61)

Home-based catechesis is a cooperative and collaborative effort between the parents and parish leadership. This relationship helps parents who choose home-based catechesis to be a part of the total catechetical effort of the parish and “should not feel alone in this task.”(*National Directory for Catechesis*, no. 61)

Categories of a Catholic family who chooses home-based catechesis are:

1. Parents who choose to have **their own** child(ren) home-schooled for all academic subjects and choose to provide formal religious education in **their own** home, assuming the role of catechist for only **their own** child(ren).
2. Parents who send their child(ren) to public or private non-Catholic school and provide formal religious education in **their own** home, assuming the role of catechist for only their own child(ren).

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia does not recognize home-based catechesis of children in a home other than **their own**, and therefore, does not permit groups of children gathering for catechesis other than at the parish.

IV. PARISH GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are provided to assist parishes in ministering to families who choose home-based catechesis:

1. Parent(s)/guardian(s) will register in their parish and declare their option for home-based catechesis for **their own** child(ren). The names of the children under instruction must be clearly identified. (*See Appendix A.*)
2. Before the home-based catechesis begins, the parent(s)/guardian(s) are to meet with the pastor and/or his delegate to discuss the reasons for this decision and to ensure that the catechesis provided in the home is the catechesis of the Church. This dialogue is essential to the complete and authentic catechesis of **their own** children in **their** homes.
3. The pastor or his delegate will provide the parents with a copy of the Archdiocesan Religion Curriculum Guidelines for the grade level(s), approved textbooks, and a set of expectations which include:
 - Meetings throughout the year with the pastor or his delegate to review the child's progress.
 - Liturgies, prayer services, activities, retreats, programs, meetings or other parish opportunities in which the child and/or parent(s)/guardian(s) attendance is expected.
4. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to use the textbooks and supplemental catechetical materials which have been approved by the pastor for use in the Parish Religious Education Program.
5. Should the parent/guardian seek permission for use of another text which is not included on the approved textbook list, a copy must be provided to the pastor or his delegate for review. All materials must be approved by the Office for Catechetical Formation.
6. Families providing home-based catechesis should be included in any informational mailings pertaining to the parish religious education program and/or the preparation and celebration of the sacraments. They are to be welcomed in all parish catechetical program activities.
7. Since their children are being initiated into the Catholic Church, parent(s)/guardian(s) have an obligation to involve their children in the life and mission of the Church. They should participate in:
 - the spiritual life of the parish, particularly in the Sunday Eucharist.
 - the charitable works of the parish.
 - the catechetical and faith formation opportunities on the parish and archdiocesan levels.
8. The Catechetical Certification Policy of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia fosters the professional development and the spiritual, intellectual, and human formation of volunteer catechists by requiring them to:
 - enroll in core courses provided by the Catechetical Institute
 - attend elective credit opportunities offered by the Office for Catechetical Formation.

Pastors should provide a copy of the Catechetical Certification Policy to parents/guardians who serve as catechists for their child(ren) and recommend their adherence to this policy.

Approved by
Archbishop Charles Chaput
May 31, 2012