



St. Augustine/St. Joseph Parish Center

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Dear Parents of Grade School Students,

It's time to once again open the doors of the Parish Center to "our" children and to the faith that is waiting to be shared here. Of course, the programs at the Parish Center are only secondary to what you teach your children in your homes. The catechists can ask students to read or to recite prayers, but only if they see in their homes why we pray, or why we go to church or why we need religion, will the circle be complete. We pray we can walk hand in hand in this mission of educating our youth and pass on a faith that will grow stronger and stronger as our children and we grow older.

We pray the times listed will allow you the opportunity to register your child/children, if the times are inconvenient, *all you have to do is call the Parish Center, 628-3434 and we will set up a time that will work for you.* What is most important is that this be taken care of *before* August 6. Registration will take place between July 25 and August 6 in the **Parish Center**. The dates and times are as follows:

Sunday, July 25:	9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
Monday, July 26 through Friday, July 30:	8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 1:	9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
Monday, August 2 through Friday, August 6:	8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Evening registration can be made by appointment prior to August 6.

Registration fees are as follows:

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	\$60.00
Grade 2	\$70.00

(Or any child enrolled in the First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Programs - \$70.00)

We will be implementing a family discount based on the number of children in the program, preschool through twelve. A family will pay the full price for four children in the program; remaining children in the program will pay 50% of the fee. We will also be giving a discount in CCD fees to those who teach religion. A 50% discount will be credited to those who teach grades one through eight and those who teach both sessions of high school religion. A 25% discount will be given to those who teach one session of high school religion.

There will be a **\$5.00 fee** assessed to any late registrations.

Included in this packet is the St. Augustine/St. Joseph Handbook for Religious Education. In this handbook you will find the necessary information regarding policies and procedures for the Religious Education program for our parishes. This includes policies in reference to required attendance for this program (i.e. - attending Mass and instructional classes, page 5). This handbook was put together by members of the Education Commission in conjunction with the Policies and Procedures for Religious Education handbook set forth from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Registration forms are as follows:

LISTED BELOW ARE THE FORMS FOR YOU TO CAREFULLY READ OVER, SIGN AND RETURN:

1. Registration form - *You must sign and return this form.* This form releases your child/children

from the Minster Local School System during their designated release time to come to the St. Augustine Religious Education Program held in the Parish Center.

- 2. Family Update** *You must return this form if you have changes.* Please make any changes, use the blank space to the right and correct or update as needed.
- a. **Emergency Contacts** *This section is extremely important. Make sure your emergency contact people and phone numbers are people other than yourselves that we can contact in the event you are not at home or at work.*
 - b. **Employment Information** *This information can be found in the Personal Information section of the Parent/Guardian section of the form. Please make sure this information is current.*
- 3. Student Update** *You must return this form if you have changes.* Make sure you list any allergies or medicine your child is taking in the Allergy/Medicine section.
- 4. Alternate Address Information** This section is designated for a parent or parents not living the majority of the time with their children. Please know that we are required to have information on both parents, especially information in reference to custody. In the event that there is joint custody, we ask the parents to please designate one as "Child Lives With" parent and the other as alternate address parent, we apologize for this inconvenience, but our software does not allow us to enter the information any other way. Please fill in the alternate address, so we can keep both parents informed about their child/children's religious education.
- 5. Permission, Release and Medical Power of Attorney** *You must sign and return this form.* Please list all names of grade school children on this form. If your insurance company issues individual policy numbers for each child, please list the corresponding policy number and child's name. (SPECIAL NOTE: The Archdiocese of Cincinnati requires an insurance policy number, please be sure to include your insurance policy number on this form.)
- 6. Consent to Treatment or the Refusal to Consent Treatment** *You must sign and return this form.* If you grant consent, you will give us the permission to have your child transported to the location recommended on the Emergency Contacts form in the event we cannot locate either parent. Please be advised that if you refuse consent to treatment, your child/children will not be permitted to participate in the program per the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.
- 7. Discipline Policy Form** *You and your child/children must sign and return this form.* We ask that you carefully read this form to your child/children and stress the importance of good behavior, and respect in the classroom, not only in the classroom but also in church during their designated day of Mass.
- 8. Parish Philosophy of Religious Education.** This philosophy was drafted by the St. Augustine Education Commission. We would like for you to read this over and pay particular attention to the very last paragraph. It is our intention to work with the family in religious education at St. Augustine. We are at the Parish Center only to supplement what is taught at home.

The textbooks we are using for grades one through eight are published by Sadlier Inc., called the "We Live Our Faith" series.

We are very excited to begin our new year! The doors here are wide open for everyone. We thank you for your continued support, cooperation, and prayers as we embark on another year. We found it quite fitting to end this letter and also begin the school year with the Serenity Prayer:

God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change,
the courage to change the things we can,
and the wisdom to know the difference!