

Saint Joan of Arc Church
Office of Religious Education
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2022-2023

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Dear Parents,

Religious Education is one of the main reasons a parish exists. It is no easy task to arrange for teachers, materials and classroom space for the students here at St. Joan's. Enclosed is the registration form for the 2022-2023 Saint Joan of Arc Religious Education Program. The deadline for registration is **Sunday, August 21**. If your family is not formally registered in the parish, your Religious Education registration will not be processed. To register in the parish, please see one of the priests after any weekend Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning in Church.

Saint Joan's offers Religious Education for grades Kindergarten through Grade 10. Grades K through 10 are required for all public and non-Catholic private school students. It is also required for all Catholic School students in Grade 2 (First Penance and Eucharist) and Grade 10 (Confirmation.)

Those who are registering for the first time in any grade must submit a Baptism Certificate. These certificates will be kept on file at the Religious Education Office. If you are a transfer student from another parish, an official letter is required certifying what grade(s) have been successfully completed.

A class schedule for the Religious Education year is enclosed and is updated during the course of the year through the weekly parish bulletin and email notices. Please be sure to fill out the registration form completely, which must be signed by one of the parents. The fees for this year are listed on the Registration Form. Could you kindly print your email clearly.

Please be aware that all our teachers and personnel in our Religious Education Program meet the requirements established by the Diocese through the Office of Outreach and Prevention. These requirements include background checks and training for clergy, educators, volunteers and children (Circle of Grace Safe Environment Program).

All students in Religious Education must attend Sunday Mass. Again, this year, on all Sundays of Religious Education Classes, there will be a family Mass at 9:30 AM with a children's homily and children participating by proclaiming the readings, presenting the gifts, and singing in our Children's Choir. Please return your completed and signed registration form with the fee no later than **Sunday, August 21** by placing it in the registration box in the front hall of the Church, placing it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Religious Education", by mail, or by placing it through the "drop off" slot inside the glass-enclosed side entrance of the rectory.

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Sincerely in the Lord,

Norman W. Bourdon

(Rev.) Norman W. Bourdon,
Pastor

DEADLINE SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022