



St. Peter the Apostle Religious Education

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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well and looking forward to a glorious and joyful Easter. The past year has been both amazing and challenging. We introduced Family Faith Activities. While most families loved them, there were definitely challenges as we changed and adjusted the calendar as we reflected on and learned what did and did not work. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your flexibility and grace during this time. While next year we will still be having Family Faith Activities, some months we will not. These will all be noted on the calendar currently in development. We hope to have it finalized in the next couple of weeks.

Enclosed is the Registration Packet for the 2023-2024 classes. Please make sure to fill out and return the entire packet which includes the Registration Form, the Medical Form, the Acknowledgement Form, Snack Form, and Volunteer Sign Up Form. **The Registration form is one page both front and back.**

We are encouraging and asking all Religious Education families to become involved in some way in the Religious Ed program and in the parish. For those unregistered parish families, we encourage you to register and use your parish envelopes when making a donation. Often, in being asked to be godparents or Confirmation sponsors, the parish has no record of your faithfulness and attendance at St. Peter's. By using the parish envelope, we are able to see your participation as a registered and supportive parishioner of the parish. The tuition for Religious Ed does not cover the cost of the entire program. It is our registered parishioners' generosity, support, and their knowing the importance of the continued formation of your children that keep our program thriving. We will also be needing groups of parents to rotate directing traffic in the parking lot along with parents willing to monitor the doors and facilitate the children going to their classrooms once their catechist has arrived.

Please carefully note the tuition fee schedule and registration dates. We are extremely sensitive to families facing financial hardship. If you anticipate difficulty with tuition for the upcoming school year, please reach out to us so we can help in the way that is best for your family. We strongly encourage early registration to obtain the preferred class for your child or children. To keep class sizes to a maximum of 12 students in the lower grades and 14 to 15 in grades 6-8. If the day requested is full, you will need to go to the alternate day or be placed on a waiting list in the hope another class opens up on your requested day. We will need more catechists and helpers to assist in opening up more classes. Wednesday classes fill up quickly. Please register by June 30, 2023, to help us provide your children with the best Religious Education experience possible! Late registrations make it difficult to keep class sizes smaller and provide necessary training for new catechists.

We ask God for His abundant blessings and to keep your families and all you love safely in His care.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

In Christ,

Toni Pietrowski

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Director of Religious Education

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St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
Religious Education Registration Form

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Date: _____

2023-2024

Office Use Only:

Date/Time: _____ Baptism Cert: _____

Pmt: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Family Name: _____ Mother: _____ Father: _____

Mother's Religion _____ Father's Religion _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Mother Cell: _____ Father Cell: _____

Home Phone : _____ Email: _____

(please print clearly)

If new to St. Peter's a copy of your child/ren baptismal certificate is required.

STUDENT INFORMATION

1) Last Name: _____ First: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

RE Grade in Fall 2023: _____

If new to program check Sacraments received by above child below.

Sacraments Received: Baptism Eucharist Penance

If new to program, name and city of Church child was baptized and/or received Eucharist and Penance _____

2) Last Name: _____ First: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

RE Grade in Fall 2023: _____

If new to program check Sacraments received by above child below.

Sacraments Received: Baptism Eucharist Penance

If new to program, name and city of Church child was baptized and/or received Eucharist and Penance _____

3) Last Name: _____ First: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

RE Grade in Fall 2023: _____

If new to program check Sacraments received by above child below.

Sacraments Received: Baptism Eucharist Penance

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**St. Peter the Apostle Religious Education 2023-2024
Emergency & Medical Information**

Father's Name _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____

Mother's Name _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____

Custodial Address _____

Parents or Legal Guardian Information

Child/ren lives with: Both Parents ___ Father ___ Mother ___ Grandparents ___ Specify Other ___

Parents divorced? Yes ___ No ___ If "yes" who has legal custody _____

Does the non-custodial parent have visitation rights? Yes ___ No ___

Do you consent to the child/ren being released to the non-custodial parent? Yes ___ No ___

Student(s) Information (use back for additional children)

It is essential to let us know of any particular needs your child may have regarding medical, behavior or learning issues, including any IEP or 504 plans in place at school. This information helps us to properly place your child and offer him/her the best learning experience possible. Most of our catechists are not professional educators and will need your assistance to help your child. You will be contacted for additional information if needed.

| Child's First Name (include last if different from parents) | Public School Grade entering 2023-2024 | Child's School | Special Needs: Medical, Allergies, Learning disabilities, Physical disabilities. If none, please mark N/A. | Medication Needed During RE |
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***EMERGENCY INFORMATION & MEDICAL WAIVER**

Doctor's Name _____ Phone # _____

In the event my child needs to be transported to a hospital and I cannot be reached, I authorize St. Peter the Apostle employees to take the necessary steps so that medical treatment can be rendered quickly. In consideration for making these decisions in my absence, I hereby release and hold harmless St. Peter the Apostle, the Religious Education program, its employees, appointees, and/or volunteers and the Diocese of Joliet from any liabilities for the events that could occur as a result of this emergency situation. I also consent to my child's receiving any medical treatment deemed necessary by the examining doctor.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

***EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (other than parent)**

In case you cannot be reached in case of an emergency, whom should be contacted?

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Family Name: _____

CLASS TIMES/DAYS

Classes are held on Wednesday at 5:00-6:20pm and Saturday 9:00-10:20am
in the St. Peter the Apostle School Building

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

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| Select Session Wednesday | Select Session Saturday |
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TUITION & SACRAMENTAL FEES

| Before May 14, 2023 Must receive registration and full payment of reg- istration by May 15. | After May 14, 2023 | After July 30, 2023 Late fees do not apply to newly registered families | Sacramental Fees |
|---|----------------------------|---|--|
| 1 Child - \$215 | 1 Child - \$235 | 1 Child - \$285 | Holy Communion Fee - \$50 |
| 2 Children - \$350 | 2 Child - \$370 | 2 Children - \$420 | 7th Grade Confirmation Fee - \$30 |
| 3 or more Children - \$400 | 3 or more Children - \$420 | 3 or more Children - \$470 | 8th Grade Confirmation Fee - \$90 Additional Grade Retreat fees to be determined as scheduled. |

COVENANT TO ATTEND MASS REGULARLY

I understand my responsibilities both as a Catholic and parent to attend Mass on a weekly basis. In signing this form, I am making a commitment to maintain our current weekly attendance at Mass or, if we are not currently doing so, to strive to attend Mass regularly together with my children and prayerfully to seek the help and grace of God to keep my commitments.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

VIDEO & STILL PHOTOGRAPHY PERMISSION

Video and still photographs may be taken during the sessions. This authorization form constitutes permission for my child's participation in the video tape and/or photographs, which may be used for future promotional efforts, including the Diocese of Joliet website.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

SNACK ALLOWANCE FORM

St. Peter the Apostle Religious Education

Please fill out for all children in Religious Education

Family Name: _____

Class Meeting (circle one): Wednesday Saturday

Phone: _____

| Child's Name | Grade | Allergies |
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Please check one:

Yes, my child can have snacks and juice in their classroom throughout the 2023-2024 Religious Education school year.

No, my child cannot have snacks or juice in their classroom throughout the 2023-2024 Religious Education school year.

Note: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

This Signature Sign-off Sheet must be returned with your 2023-2024 registration form



Diocese of Joliet
Office of Child and Youth Protection
16555 Weber Rd
Crest Hill, Illinois 60403

Family Name _____

Family ID# _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This is to acknowledge that I have been made aware that these forms are available to me to read on our parish website at www.stpeteritasca.com

- _____ Policy Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors
- _____ Standards of Behavior for Those Working with Minors
- _____ Parent Guide: *Practical Advice for Parents On Preventing Child Sexual Abuse*
- _____ Parent Guide: *Internet Safety for Teens*
- _____ Sex and Cell Phones

I understand that I am responsible to become familiar with the contents of the above documents. I agree to abide by and to conduct myself in complete accord with them.

Print Name _____

➤ Signature _____ Date _____

Registration Checklist:

Please be sure to include all of the following with your 2023-2024 registration packet

Completed ✓

- _____ Above **Acknowledgement Form** signed and dated.
- _____ Complete **Registration** forms which includes all required signatures.
- _____ Complete Snack Form.

Please be sure to include a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate if you are new to the program

(All Registration Forms must be received prior to the class participation.)

St. Peter the Apostle Religious Education Program

To have a successful religious education program at St. Peter the Apostle parish, we must work as a team and with that intent we are asking each family to volunteer in some way either by helping directly with RE or building community with extracurricular activities. There are lots of opportunities in addition to being a catechist that we will need for a thriving Religious Education Program. First through Eighth Grades meet on Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:20 pm and Saturday from 9:00 to 10:20 am. Check out the list below to see what area you are interested in:

First through Eighth Grade Catechists

Instruction of the children using the new Faith in Life series by Ignatius Press or the Chosen program for Confirmation prep.

Benefits of being a Catechist

You will receive formation on how to teach. You can spend more time with your kids. You can talk about your faith. You can learn more about your faith from the kids, other Catechists, and Religious Education formation opportunities. You can have more flexibility by working with a team of teachers. You can give of your time and talents.

Adult Classroom Helpers for First through Eighth Grades

Are you unsure about being a catechist but interested in our program?
We are in need of helpers for the classrooms.

Catechist Substitute

Substitute in classroom when catechists are unable to attend.

High School Classroom Helpers for First through Eighth Grades

An excellent way to continue growing in our Catholic faith while helping in the classroom and being an example to younger children.

Help on Wednesday or Saturday:

- We are in need of at least 2 volunteers to help direct traffic during drop off & pick up times each class day. This can be done on a rotating basis.
- We are in need of a person or persons to email parents of their child's absence and to send absence assignments.
- We are in need of volunteers to help to monitor the entrance door and to facilitate children going to their classrooms once their catechist is present in the classroom.
- We are in need of volunteers that would be willing to be available during class time to make copies or miscellaneous other duties, if needed.

Miscellaneous Activities

- Coordinate or help with Cookies, Cocoa, Dinner and Santa.
- Donut Sunday or help pick up donuts on Saturday evening.
- White Elephant Bingo and Potluck.
- Coordinate or help with Easter Egg Hunt.
- 2nd Grade First Reconciliation Retreat (2nd grade parents).
- 2nd Grade First Holy Communion Retreat (2nd grade parents).
- Coordinate families to be gift bearers at the Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses.
- Coordinate students to hand out kid bulletins at the Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses.
- 6th & 7th Grade Retreat (6th & 7th grade parents).
- 8th Grade Retreat (8th grade parents).
- Other Faith Community Building Events to be determined.
- Help with summer Vacation Bible School.

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____