



Religious Education Mission Statement

"Go into all the world; and preach the Gospel to the whole creation." - Mark 16:15

The Religious Education Program at the Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit provides opportunities for children and adults to grow in their knowledge of God and the Catholic Faith, prepare for and celebrate the sacraments and liturgy of the Church and proclaim the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. We seek to inspire the members of our community to live Christian moral and spiritual lives that are dedicated to the service of God and others.

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Attendance/Lateness

Attendance at every weekly class is essential. This means that the child should be present the full time of the scheduled class period. **Parents are asked to notify the Religious Education Office by phone or email when a child is going to be absent.** If they miss class, it is necessary for you to complete those lessons at home. (Contact the teacher or the office for the lesson) This procedure applies regardless of the reason for the absence. Missed work should be completed before the next class.

For the Summer Sessions, no absence is allowed. For the Fall program, missing more than 3 classes is not acceptable. Students who miss 3 or more classes due to a prolonged illness or family emergency, arrangements must be made to keep up with the class. This is especially applicable to the level preceding or during a sacramental year. Lateness will be noted on the Permanent Record.

1. Please notify the office.
2. Have your child/children bring a note to the office.
3. Report to the office to sign your child/children out. (Call the Woodstown office number to gain access to the building at 856-624-4785.
- 4 Catechists may not dismiss a child before the end of the scheduled class time unless they have been signed out by the parent/guardian.

Books

All students will receive books to use with the Religious Education Program. Each student is responsible for bringing the book to class each week and handling it carefully and respectfully. It is your responsibility to replace lost books. The cost of the book is \$25.00.

Catechist

Our catechists should arrive to the class 10 minutes early; however, there are times when they may be late. We ask that a parent, if possible, remain at the classroom door with the students until the catechist arrives.

Summer Session Requirements

Students who attend the summer sessions are also required to attend a minimum of six (6) Spiritual Enrichments sessions and Family of Faith events throughout the year. This will be monitored, and failure to complete this requirement can only be completed by taking the Level test in April to move on to the next level.

Sacramental Guidelines

Families of children preparing for sacraments must be registered parishioners in order to celebrate their sacrament at the Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit.

Sacramental Preparation

For parents with children preparing for a sacrament, it is critical that they attend Sacramental Preparation Meetings and Sacramental Retreats as requested. This will help assist the parents in the responsibility of preparing their children for the sacraments. Parents will need to attend a meeting and the students a retreat if their child/children will be receiving First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Parents with children in Level 7 or 8 preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will also need to attend a parent meeting. These students will also have retreats.

Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Diocesan policy requires that students be registered in a program for formal instruction for one full year and be in their second year of catechesis before they can become eligible to start the preparation process to celebrate First Reconciliation (confession) and First Holy Eucharist (communion).

Confirmation

Diocesan policy states that to enter a sacramental process for Confirmation an eligible candidate must have completed 4 consecutive years of formal religious instruction in the Catholic Church.

Special Needs

The Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit is committed to making reasonable accommodations for children with special physical, learning or behavioral needs. It is important for the Director and catechist to know of any classification. This information will be kept confidential. The child and catechist will work together smoothly with this shared information. Parents should contact the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation to discuss specific accommodations.

Drop off and Pick up

Mullica Hill Campus

Presently there are no classes in Mullica Hill Campus

Woodstown Campus

Sunday Classes

Students will leave Mass and head directly to their classroom. If for some reason the student does not attend the 8:30 AM Mass they are to arrive between 9:30-9:45 and wait in the foyer if Mass is not over otherwise go directly to the classroom.