



2024-2025



Welcome to the St. Maria Goretti Parish Religious Education Process

Below is a brief description of our mission and our Programs.

Catechesis is a sharing of the teachings of Jesus Christ in such a way that each young person comes to know about and believes in God, enters a relationship with God and is transformed by Him. Everything children learn in our programs plants seed on rich soil for building a strong relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ, and a foundation in faith that will last a lifetime. All children in our programs learn in a safe and supportive atmosphere. We offer several opportunities to meet the needs of our parish families:

Traditional Faith Formation Classes

The St. Maria Goretti PREP Program offers religious education classes to children in grades 1 through 7 who attend public schools or private, non-Catholic schools. We have dedicated Catechists who work with students at each grade level to form their Catholic identity by gathering as a community to learn, prepare for the reception of the sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, pray the Rosary, attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, go to Confessions and Stations of the Cross.

We use Our Sunday Visitor, Alive in Christ series for all grades.

Classes are offered September through April and families have a choice of two sessions:

Monday – 6:15 PM to 7:30 PM

Sunday after 9:30 AM Mass to 12:00 noon

Each child will need to pass the mid-term and final assessment test to move on to the next grade level.

Sunday Family Prep

This program is different than our traditional PREP classes because it is for **both parents and children**. Families are asked to attend the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday. After Mass the family will proceed to the education center for a light snack, then the children will attend a class similar to a traditional PREP class while the parents attend their own class. The parent classes will cover the same topic that the children are learning at an appropriate adult level as well as the following chapter that parents will teach at home. This is a partial Home-Based catechesis program. The classes meet twice a month at St. Maria Goretti and parents are asked to complete one chapter a week at home when they are not gathering. Each child will need to pass the mid-term and final assessment test to move on to the next grade level.

Home-Based Catechesis

Home-Based catechesis is the work of Catholic parents/guardians who undertake the formal religious education of their own child(ren) in their home. The parish curriculum is used and each child will need to pass the mid-term and final assessment test to move on to the next grade level. Families are also expected to attend sacraments, parish devotions and special celebrations with all PREP families.

Adaptive Faith Formation Class

Our adaptive class is for any child between grades 2 and 6 who has been diagnosed within the Autism spectrum. The classes are held during Sunday Family PREP time following the 9:30 Mass. The children will learn about our faith and be prepared to receive their Sacraments during their second year of study. If your child is not on the Autism spectrum but does have special needs please contact us. We will find a way to share our faith with them!

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Parish Religious Education Process Registration Form 2024-2025



Please print clearly – All information is necessary

Family Last Name: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____ Marital status: _____

Email REQUIRED: _____

Complete Address: _____

Mother Cell: _____ Religion _____

Father Cell: _____ Religion _____

Home Phone: _____ Emergency Contact: _____

Relation to child: _____ Emergency Contact Cell: _____

Student Last Name: _____

Student First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Date of Birth: _____ School: _____

School District: _____ Grade: _____ PREP Grade Level: _____

Ethnicity/ check all that apply: African American or Black _____, American Indian or Alaska Native _____, Asian/ Vietnamese _____, Hispanic _____, Latino _____ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander _____ White _____ Some Other Race _____ Prefer not to answer _____

Parish of Baptism: _____

City & State of Baptism _____

If not SMG a copy of the Baptism Certificate MUST be attached.

BAPTISM DATE: _____

First Reconciliation: DATE: _____ Parish _____ City/State _____

First Holy Communion: DATE: _____ Parish _____ City/State _____

If not at SMG a copy of the Certificate MUST be attached.

Children must attend two consecutive years of PREP before receiving a sacrament.

Name of person legally responsible for Religious education if not a parent or legal guardian (Parent/Guardian must provide a signed, dated letter of permission to the DRE)

Name _____ Relationship _____

Allergies / Special Needs/ Prescribed Medications: _____

Does your child have learning support services, a disability or an IEP, if so, please attach.

Does your child have up to date vaccination: Yes _____ No _____ Exempt _____

Custody agreements must be attached.

I agree to read and support the provisions outlined in the Parish PREP Handbook.

I give permission that my child's name and or image to appear on the parish and archdiocesan websites, bulletin boards, newspaper articles, parish bulletin, synchronous remote learning which may be recorded and posted on the parish and/archdiocesan website, and livestreamed and or recorded liturgies and events associated with the parish religious education program.

I understand that in the case of injury or illness, every effort will be made to contact me in a medical emergency. In the event I cannot be reached, I give permission to parish staff to secure all proper and necessary treatment for my child(ren). I understand that no liability is assumed by the church or the Archdiocese for claims that may arise.

Parental Consent for Medical Care: In case of an emergency, I give permission for my child to receive emergency medical treatment and, if necessary, be transported to the nearest medical facility.

Parent/Guardian Name
(PRINT) _____

SIGNED: _____

Date: _____

Please make check payable to *St. Maria Goretti Parish* and attach to form:

Registration Fee: One Child \$245.00, Two Children \$345.00, Three or more Children \$445.00

Paid _____ ck # _____ Session Choice: Monday _____ Sunday _____

Sessions will be assigned on a first come first served basis and all may not be available.

Your registration is not complete without sacramental certificates/information.



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Student Release Form for Pick Up 2024-2025



Please complete one form for each child

In order to keep our PREP students safe, all children must be picked up in their classroom by their parent/guardian or by a designated adult driver. The Catechist will only release children to persons whose names appear on this release form.

No child is permitted to leave the building without an adult

Child's Name: _____ PREP Grade: _____

Session Day/Time: _____

Please include yourself, spouse, grandparents, and carpooling friends and PRINT clearly.

Anyone not on this list will require written permission, signature and phone call.

I give my permission to have the PREP Catechist release my child to the care of the following individuals:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

In case of an emergency, I give my permission for my child to receive emergency medical treatment, and if necessary, be transported to the nearest medical facility. Knowing that there will be proper supervision, in case of injury, I will not hold St. Maria Goretti Parish, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia or any person or persons connected with them liable. My signature below also gives the Archdiocese permission to use pictures / video from the event in which my child may appear for promotions.

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT) _____

SIGNED: _____ Date: _____

Thank you and God bless you!

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