



*"The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus - the school of the Gospel."  
Catechism of the Catholic Church #533*

### **Is Homeschooling my child in Religion an option?**

Yes, if your child is entering Grade 1 or Grades 3 to 7. We ask that all second and eighth graders attend PSR class during a sacrament preparation year, to prepare for sacraments in community.

### **What is required by the parent to Home School?**

In a Home School Religion situation, the parent IS the Religion Teacher. 45 minutes per week must be spent on a Religion lesson with your child and a log must be kept. Parents and the child sign a contract, attend a September meeting, and meet with Miss Telepak two more times at the Parish Office for a Winter and Spring report. The report is given orally (like a book report) but a written copy is also handed in by the student along with written reflections each semester by the parent. When the log and both report meetings are completed, your child will receive credit for that grade level of Religion and be promoted to the next grade!

### **What is the cost to Home School in Religion?**

The tuition for Home School Religion is \$30 per student (Grades K, 1, 3-6) and \$40 per student for Grade 7. It covers the cost of the consumable student textbook, folder, paperwork and rental of the teacher manual for the parent.

### **What is the completion rate for Home School Religion families?**

While we recognize that parents are the primary catechists of their children, this program has had a very low success rate and a high failure rate. The families that do Home School Religion well, love it and are good at it. Many remark on the great "God conversations" they have with their children!

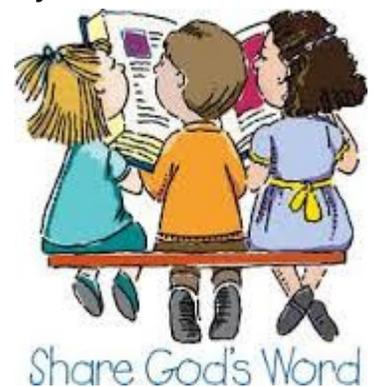
Unfortunately, about 70% of our families that try this program, never complete it and their child does not get Religion credit on their permanent record card for Religion for that grade level. Feedback from families who failed to complete the program tell us that while it seems very attractive at first, they didn't realize the discipline it takes and it was challenging to fit teaching in their already busy life.

### **How do I register my child for Home School Religion instead of the Monday PSR class?**

Update and fill out the salmon PSR registration form on side one as normal.

On side two, go to the section called **Check which time block you prefer:**

- Fill in your child's name, age and grade
- In the Time Section, write in **HOME SCHOOL RELIGION**
- In the PSR Fee Section, cross out the \$125 per child, and write in \$30 (or \$40 for Grade 7)
- Include at least a \$25 deposit
- Fill out the red Medical Form (in case your child attends a service project)
- Fill out the Media Release Form (Consent & Release of Liability)
- Sending in a volunteer form is optional.



If you choose to Home School your children in Religion, you **do not** need to attend the September 12<sup>th</sup> Opening Day PSR meeting in the church. Instead, you and your child/children must attend one of the following PSR Homeschool Religion Orientation Meetings to sign your contract and get your books and materials: **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 11-11:45 a.m. OR Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 7:15-8 p.m. Both Orientation Meetings will be held in the Library.**



If you are considering homeschooling your child in Religion, it may be a blessing for your family. You never know: it could work well for your schedule, and you might personally grow more in your own faith!