

INFORMATION ON ELEMENTARY PSR PROGRAMS

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This document contains important registration information for our three Parish School of Religion program options at Church of the Holy Angels for children from preschool through fifth grade. Thank you for giving this your attention so that you can make the best decision for your child's faith formation program in the 2017-2018 academic year.

REGISTRATION:

PSR REGISTRATION FORM IS LOCATED ON OUR WEBSITE AT www.holyangelschurch.com under "Learn". Please download, print and return the form with your family's information especially your email address which is used for program communications, and also indicate each child's last name if different from the family name printed on the form. Please also indicate if your child has any allergies, medical issues or learning disabilities so that we can better accommodate his or her needs during PSR classes, especially if an additional Catechist Aide might be needed in class so that he or she can be successful and happy in our program.

All of our programs presume weekly mass attendance as a family and participation in the larger life of the parish community. Faith formation, whether done by catechists or parents, is rarely impactful or absorbed by children unless its importance is lived out concretely and regularly in the life of the family.

It is our goal at Holy Angels to provide excellent faith formation programs which assist our Catholic families in nurturing their children toward a lifelong, loving relationship as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Toward that end, we are now offering Unit Assessments for students to complete which will be sent home via email to be completed and returned to the Religious Education Office. This will help us to monitor the effectiveness of our programs and curriculum offered.

Due to facility limitations, the class sessions have a limited number of openings which are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. **If you or your child has a restricted schedule, please be sure to return your registration as early as possible, or else we might not have an availability for you.** We also ask that you indicate alternate preferences in case a class session is already filled, and you will be notified by mail of your children's class assignment.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Classroom PSR and "Partners in Faith" PSR classes are taught by parishioners and parents who volunteer as Catechists and Aides to make these programs possible, and we need your help to continue. Assistance with lesson planning, training, and support are given to all who volunteer, and you do not need to have professional experience in instructing children. By passing on your faith to the children of our parish, you will be surprised at how much you know and how much teaching will deepen it! **Call the Religious Education Office at (440) 708-0808 for further information about becoming a PSR Catechist or Catechist Aide!**

Our programs do include a registration fee to help cover the administrative costs of the program, but no child will be turned away because of an inability to pay. If the fees are a financial hardship for you, please contact Fr. Dan or Jeannie Daunch. Checks should be made payable to "Holy Angels Religious Education", and all credit cards are also accepted. There is a \$10 late fee per child, but note that no late registrations are accepted for the *Partners in Faith* program. **Its registration deadline is June 19, 2017.**

Families of second graders who are preparing for first communion will receive a separate mailing in the fall with information for sacramental preparation. If your second grader was not enrolled in one of our programs last year, please immediately contact the Religious Education Office to discuss your options.

If you have any questions or there is anything we can assist you with, please call the Religious Education Office at (440) 708-0808.

OPTION 1: CLASSROOM PSR (CPSR)

Classroom PSR is an after school program where the children gather by grade for an hour long class session, once per week. Available class sessions are:

Wednesday afternoons, 4:45 pm-5:45 pm

Wednesday evenings, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Thursday afternoons, 4:45 pm-5:45 pm

**** STUDENTS ARE PLACED IN THE SECOND CHOICE IF THE FIRST CHOICE SESSION IS FILLED. ****

A required Parent Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Classes will start September 13 and 14, 2017 and will continue through 1 and 2, 2018. The full CPSR calendar will be available at the parent meeting and also on the website. Families are also welcome, but not required, to attend the “Faith Matters” sessions that are a part of the homeschooling programs.

(Optional) Preschool CPSR

Children over 4 years old by September 30th may be registered for Preschool CPSR, available on Wednesday afternoons from 4:45pm-5:45pm, and Thursday afternoons from 4:45pm-5:45pm (only if needed). **Preschool meets approximately every other time that CPSR is in session**, and a schedule for the year will be available at the parent meeting.

Registration Deadline: August 14th.

OPTION 2: FAMILY HOME SCHOOLING (FHS)

Family Homeschooling is offered for parents who desire to instruct their own children in the faith with assistance from the parish. Textbooks are provided so that parents have a resource to work from and so that the children follow the same curriculum as their Classroom PSR peers.

A required Parent Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

(Required) Faith Matters

Faith Matters are simple hour-and-a-half meetings at the church in which both children and parents receive catechesis, and parents can have the exclusive attention and support of our religious education staff and our clergy. These take place four times per academic year, and are mandatory for FHS. Dates and times will be provided at the parent meeting and on the website.

Registration Deadline: August 14th, including signed parent commitment form.

OPTION 3: FAMILY HOME SCHOOLING W/ SUMMER CLASSES, PARTNERS IN FAITH (PIF)

Partners in Faith is a hybrid program that consists of a week long, three-and-a-half hour per day experience held at the church during the summertime and homeschooling continued by the parents throughout the rest of the year. **This program is available to active parishioners after they have celebrated their first anniversary with Holy Angels.** Available summer sessions are:

July 10-14, 8:30 am-12:00 pm

July 10-14, 1:00 pm-4:30 pm

**** STUDENTS ARE PLACED IN THE SECOND CHOICE IF THE FIRST CHOICE SESSION IS FILLED. ****

A required Parent Meeting takes place on the first day of class for the session you have been assigned.

(Required) Faith Matters

Faith Matters are simple hour-and-a-half meetings at the church in which both children and parents receive catechesis, and parents can have the exclusive attention and support of our religious education staff and our clergy. These take place four times per academic year, and are mandatory for PIF. Dates and times are listed on the parent commitment form.

Registration Deadline: **June 19, 2017, including signed parent commitment form.** No late registrations accepted.