

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.
Deuteronomy 6:5-7

June 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

It's that time again to register for next year's Religious Education Program! To register for the 2017-2018 school year for grades Kindergarten through 8th, visit the Our Lady of Hope website at <https://ourladyofhop.net/>. The sooner you register, the better your chances are to have your preferred session. **Classes begin September 19 and 20, 2017.**

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES & REMINDERS

- Registration Form: Complete a Registration Form for each child.
- Registration is on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVE basis.
- For new students: Please provide a copy of the Baptismal certificate, and if applicable, a letter from the previous parish where your child(ren) received religious education stating what years and grades they attended. This will facilitate correct placement of your child(en).
- E-Mail Address: E-mail will be the primary means of communication throughout the year. *We will not process your registration form if an e-mail address is not provided.*
- **Learning Disabilities or Behavioral Disorders: In the best interest of your child, please list any learning disabilities or behavioral disorders.**
- Peanut Allergies: In accordance with Diocesan policy, if your child requires the use of an epi-pen and they cannot administer it themselves, you must stay with your child during class or designate another adult to do so.
- Volunteer: The continued success of our Religious Education Program rests on the involvement and dedication of parents and parishioners alike. If interested, prayerfully consider completing a Volunteer Form. If you have already completed a form, thank you! We will contact you to confirm that your volunteer day and time is still available (i.e., still needs a catechist or aide).
- Sacramental Grades (1st & 2nd, 7th & 8th): Preparation for reception of the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation is a two-year process. Therefore, students must complete first and second grade Religious Education classes before receiving Holy Communion. Likewise, students must complete seventh and eighth grade classes before

receiving Confirmation. The sacraments are a tremendous grace from God, which necessitate a thorough preparation before reception. **If you have a second grade or eighth grade child who did not attend** Religious Education classes or a Catholic school last year, your child will need to enroll in first or seventh grade this year.

- 8th Grade: As briefed during the spring Parent/Candidate Meeting, the following documents must accompany registration and were included in the Sacramental Preparation Packet:
 1. Signed Preparation Policy for Confirmation Candidates and parents
 2. Application Form
 3. **Handwritten** Confirmation Letter of Intent to the Pastor
 4. Summer Workbook (if registering after July 14, 2017)
- Registration Fee: The registration fee is as follows:
 - \$160 for one child
 - \$220 for two children
 - \$280 for three or more children
- Class Session Notification: You will be notified **by mail** of your child's assigned class session no later than August 25, 2017.

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 703-433-6564.

May God bless you,



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