

Parish of Saint Francis de Sales

School of Evangelization - Faith Formation Office
129-16 Rockaway Beach Blvd. - Belle Harbor, New York 11694
Telephone: 718-634-6911 www.sfdsparish.org

Religious Education for Grades K to 8 Programs Registration Agreement



I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.” - Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta

Pastoral Staff

Reverend William Sweeney	Pastor
Reverend James Cunningham	Associate Pastor
Deacon Vincent LaGamba	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Armand D'Accordo	Permanent Deacon
Mrs. Anne Marie Greene	Director of Faith Formation
Mrs. Lynn Iudica	Administrative Assistant
Mr. Jonathan D'Amico	Director of Music

Official Religious Education Program Hours

Online Classes Available for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6
Location: www.sfdsparish.org
Note: Grades K,2 & 7,8 are not available Online. Grade2, 7,8 must be completed Onsite classes at the academy.

Onsite Wednesday Classes Grades K - 5
Arrival Time: 3:00 P.M.
Class Starts/Ends: 3:15 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.
Location Academy of Saint Francis de Sales

Onsite Wednesday Classes Grades 6 - 8
Arrival Time: 6:00 P.M.
Class Starts/Ends: 6:15 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.
Location Academy of Saint Francis de Sales

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Arrival time to class is 15 minutes prior to Class time.

All students should enter through Msgr. Reddy Hall.

Students are to meet their Catechist(s) /aides in the Msgr. Reddy Hall.

For safety and security measures no unauthorized person(s) will be permitted into Msgr. Reddy Hall or classrooms or beyond the drop-off point, front doors to Msgr. Reddy Hall.

No food or beverages are permitted into the Academy or any parish building.

If there is potential inclement weather, please call 718-634-6911 or go online to www.sfdsparish.org to inquire.

***Catechetical Sunday ~ Rite of Committal,
September 17th 9:00 P.M. Holy Mass... Followed by a light
fellowship in Msgr. Reddy Hall***

***This is the Opening Year for Catechetical 2017. Parents and
Children are required to attend.***

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August 15, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On behalf of our Pastor, Reverend William Sweeney and Reverend James Cunningham, our Moderator and the Catechetical Staff we welcome both you and your child(ren) to a brand new and exciting year in the School of Evangelization- The Faith Formation - Religious Education Program.

We are pleased to offer two options for religious education, namely: Onsite Wednesday Classes for Grades K to 8 and Online Catholic Homeschooling for Grades 1 to 6. We are proud to become the pioneering parish in the Diocese of Brooklyn to offer Online Catholic Homeschooling provided by *My Catholic Faith Delivered*. Our catechetical team is prepared for a strong and dynamic formation year but we need your help, parents/guardians! We are called to the witnessing and sharing of the Church's official teachings and her rich traditions rooted in the orthodoxy of our Faith as handed down to us from our founder, our Lord, and our God, Jesus Christ.

As we embark upon a new year in our faith formation - religious education, we will gather together on ***Catechetical Sunday, September 17th 2017 at 9:00 A.M. for Holy Mass***. At this time we will participate in the ***Rite of Committal*** thus beginning our commitment to the new Faith Formation Year. We look to deepening our Catholic Faith as we celebrate our faith with deeper love and commitment.

On behalf of the Faith Formation Team we wish you and your child(ren) every spiritual blessing and prayer. .

Sincerely yours in Jesus and Mary,

Anne Marie Greene
Anne Marie Greene
Pastoral Associate of Faith Formation

Fr. Bill Sweeney
Rev. William Sweeney
Pastor

Fr. James Cunningham
Rev. James Cunningham
Moderator

MISSION

We are the Roman Catholic Church. Past. Present. Future.

The Faith Formation at Saint Francis de Sales is focused on Jesus Christ, centered on the traditions and foundations of His Church, and driven by the eternal Truth of His Holy Gospel. As we enter this new year of religious education it is important that we, our children, and all the faithful—our Church—are given these Truths without compromise. Because “wholeness” is a requisite to “Holiness.” The Catholic faith is the faith of wholeness, fullness, fulfillment, completion, and life. It is that faith, in its fullness, which we are devoted to sharing, and teaching with each other and our children.

The Past

For 2000 years the Church has maintained a tradition of teaching what was called “the Christian learning” to children of all walks of life. Even in times of great tribulation, war, famine, the Church continued this tradition of handing down the faith to Christ’s youngest disciples; helping them to grow in knowledge, and helping them to grow in love of Christ, and of His Church. The Church gave this teaching not in part. Not with exceptions; but entirely, in its fullness. Because one will not follow what one does not love. And one cannot fully love what one is not fully taught. Today, we are all a part of that tradition. We are all the result of that tradition, and at Saint Francis de Sales, we continue that tradition especially following the foundational teaching of Saint Francis de Sales... *“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... You shall love your neighbor as yourself” Matthew 22:37, 39*

The Present

We are all part of the lineage of apostles, disciples, saints, and martyrs. What was true for them is true for us today.

The Catholic Church is the Mystical Body of Christ.

God reveals Himself through His Son. He further reveals Himself through the Holy Gospel, and only the Catholic Church, being Christ’s Mystical Body, guided in a unique way by the Holy Spirit, given its

authority by Jesus Christ Himself, is its only authoritative interpreter. What is right and wrong is not relative. ***“Right is right even if no one is doing it; wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it.”***
St. Augustine of Hippo.

These truths are fundamental. But in modern culture, and modern society, our children and we live in a world that teaches them and us otherwise; they are taught the opposite of the truth. Many of them and us grow to be seduced by the lies of a culture lost in moral relativism. Consequently many fall away from the faith, the Catholic Church, and from Jesus Christ, subjecting them not only to a life of confusion and despair, but also risking the very salvation of their eternal souls. We hope to avert this by setting our children’s feet and ourselves on a firm foundation; the full integrity of the Catholic Faith, setting them on the firmest foundation. This foundation is made of many parts. The Church’s Moral Teachings. Her Social Teachings. The Sacramental Life. Prayer and Spirituality. Self Sacrifice. Integrity and Accountability. Dignity and Honor.

The Future

Our children are the future of the Catholic Church. Therefore, the future of the world. We are committed to developing their minds, empowering their spirits, and developing their identities as Catholics, members of an ancient, timeless, and beautiful tradition, members of Christ’s Mystical Body. As we enroll our children into the Faith Formation - Religious Education Program here at Saint. Francis DeSales we the parents and guardians of our children must take the first step and answer the question Jesus asks, ***“Who do you say that I AM?”*** (Luke 9:20). Together, as members of His Body our only and one response is ***“My Lord, and My God.”*** (John 20:28) as Jesus is Lord above all lords and the Creator and Author of life making all things possible for us. So as we and our children prepare to embark upon our spiritual journey together we must remember that as parents and guardians our first duty is to reinforce the faith at home because ***we are not only guardians of their lives, but also guardians of their faith, and guardians of their Catholic identity.*** Our catechetical team is preparing for a strong and dynamic formative year but we need your help. We are called to the witnessing and sharing of the Church’s official teachings and her rich and vast traditions rooted in the orthodoxy of our Faith and in Truth as handed down to us from her founder, Our Lord Jesus Christ. While our catechists will do all they can to teach and introduce catechesis, pastoral, and spiritual

challenges to our children each of us must also journey and take part in our children's formation by reinforcing the Catholic Faith in our homes. How do we do this? By ensuring your child(ren) is taken to his/her religious educational classes each week. By ensuring you and your child(ren) is at Holy Mass each and every weekend including the Holy Days of Obligation. By ensuring both you and your child(ren) are participating frequently in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

By ensuring you and your child(ren) is deepening your prayer life at home – asking our Lord Jesus Christ to be present in our lives at the start of each day, fill us with His peace so as to overcome all the raging storms that may confront us. As we embark upon this new year in religious education and continue to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy we journey together in mercy and charity.

On behalf of the entire Pastoral Staff we offer our very prayers and blessings that both you and your child(ren) may experience Jesus Christ, ***“I AM the Way, and the Truth, and the Life...”*** (John 14:6). May Mary, the Mother of God and the Perfect Disciple be your guide as you and your child(ren) discover who Jesus is in your lives.

OFFICIAL DIOCESAN POLICIES AND OVERVIEW



School of Evangelization Guidebook **Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn**

Children's Catechesis

How can my child be formed/educated in the faith?

Overview

The uniqueness of the Church is reflected in the uniqueness of each local parish. Mindful of this diversity and in light of local needs, each parish is encouraged to develop a religious education program.

Education and formation in the Faith is not only in preparation for the Sacraments; it is ongoing. Children and teens should be participating in Catholic education and formation from at least kindergarten through grade twelve. Every grade level is important as it builds on a child's or teen's previous knowledge and experience. Following Confirmation, it is essential that the newly-confirmed continue to learn more about our Faith and participate in programs of youth ministry that include components of academic learning as well as spiritual growth opportunities. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, as well as regular reception of the Sacraments, is a priority in the life of a Catholic.

Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist, and Confirmation

The New Evangelization invites us to catechize those who are part of our Church and all persons of good will. The manner by which we are prepared for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, and how we continue to receive them over a lifetime, is critical to our life of Faith. This is especially true for our children; those who attend our Catholic Schools/ Academies, those who are enrolled in our religious education programs (including those who are home schooled, as well as those who are not in any organized program at this time).

It is a long-standing diocesan policy that all children must receive at least two full years of catechesis, including academic instruction in the Faith, before they are permitted to receive First Penance and First Eucharist. However, we know that the faith formation of our children involves more than academic instruction. Each child must be gradually formed into the full image of the Lord Jesus by developing a mature life of prayer, culminating in full, conscious, and active participation with the parish community at Sunday Eucharist. Since such participation is usually not possible without the cooperation of their parents and guardians, faith formation must also involve every child's family, school community, and the entire parish community in prayer, witness, and celebration. For this reason, parish catechetical leaders are called to assist parents by providing four to six proximate preparation sessions before each Sacrament that bring together families from the schools/academies and parish programs.

As a family of families, the parish remains the ideal home for Catholic families to join together, not only at the spiritual birth of their children at Baptism, but also to be nourished by the Eucharist each Sunday. It is our diocesan policy that each family's home parish remains the privileged place for celebrating a child's First Penance and First Eucharist. These norms reflect this policy by directing families to celebrate the Sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist in the parish where they usually celebrate their Catholic faith every Sunday.

Proximate Preparation for the Sacraments

Proximate Preparation for the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist, and Confirmation

Parishes provide opportunities for parents to actively participate in three to four sessions before a child receives First Penance, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. These proximate preparation sessions begin or end with Sunday (Saturday Vigil) Mass and are meant to bring together families from the parish to explore certain themes. Our Proximate preparations dates will be announced in the school calendar.

Special Needs Religious Education

Every child encounters Christ in a different way. Some children have special needs that can be addressed on the parish level. Currently, the School of Evangelization is collaborating with various parish leaders to enhance special needs offerings. Please contact our office to find out about our special needs program .(School of Evangelization Guidebook 46 - 47)

OFFICIAL COMMITMENTS

Currently, the faith formation at the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales is comprised of all newly developed religious educational programs, namely:

Online Catholic Homeschooling for Parish Religious Education

Grades: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6

Location: www.sfdsparish.org

Onsite Wednesday Program

Grades: K to 5

Location: Academy of Saint Francis de Sales

Arrival Time: 3:00 P.M.

Class Duration: 3:15 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.

Onsite Wednesday Program

Grades: 6 to 8

Location: Academy of Saint Francis de Sales

Arrival Time: 6:00 P.M.

Class Duration: 6:15 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.

Special Needs Program

Every child encounters Christ in a different way...we provide that special way. Please speak with us today! This service provides catechesis for children with special needs and guides them in faith formation and preparation for the reception of the Sacraments.

Children-Youth Faith Formation

This program is designed to serve students that are baptized but did not make First Penance and Holy Eucharist in the second grade.

Therefore, it is necessary to

include them in a specially designed program known as RCIC that prepares them

for the reception of the Sacraments

NOTE: as per Diocesan Regulations every child enrolled in religious education classes is obligated to attend approximately 30 class sessions

at 1.5 hours per class of catechesis per year.

Proximate Preparation for Penance, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation

Parents/Guardians and their child(ren) actively participate in several sessions before a child receives Penance, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. These proximate preparation sessions are meant to bring together families from the parish to explore certain themes. The Proximate Preparation program is mandated by the Diocese and all parents and children in Public School and Catholic Academies are required to attend all sessions.

Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Programs

Adult Faith Formation serves the youth that are 16 years of age+ and adults who have not completed the Sacraments of First Penance, Holy Eucharist, or Confirmation. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) serves those who are not baptized seeking to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil.

OFFICIAL GUIDELINES AND POLICIES IN CATECHESIS, PASTORAL, AND SPIRITUALITY IN FAITH FORMATION

Any child between the age of infancy and 7 years old should be immediately baptized.

Any child between the ages of 8 to 16 that has not received the Sacraments of: Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation must be enrolled in Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) catechesis for a minimum of 3 consecutive years and enter into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is administered during the year of Grade 8 and the date of Confirmation is subject to the Bishop's Calendar.

Parents/Guardians understand they are obligated as practicing Catholics to reinforce the Catechetical content and material taught in classes especially daily prayers, The Lord's Prayer, The Hail Mary, and The Glory to the Trinity.

Parents/Guardians and their child(ren) who are preparing for a Sacrament are required to attend all sessions of the Proximate Preparation Program. This includes all parents and children that attend either public school or Catholic schools/academies.

Parents/Guardians understand they will be called upon to take a proactive role in their own religiosity and expected to lead their child(ren) as their First Teacher who is a model Christian by attending Holy Mass weekly, Holy Days of Obligation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, retreats/spiritual presentations etc.

Parents/Guardians are expected to support the Propagation of the Faith and by identifying themselves as strong and exemplary Catholics that advocate their Faith openly with courage, hope, and love.

Parents/Guardians understand that all students except Kindergarten to Grade 2 are to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly throughout the liturgical year.

Parents/Guardians understand that all students are mandated to attend Retreats and Spiritual Presentations as regulated throughout the formation year.

Students are expected to take a proactive role in the pastoral and spiritual

lives by becoming members of the youth choir, altar servers, junior ministers of faith formation and catechist aides.

Students in Grade 8 preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are mandated to fulfill Christian Service Project(s) 20 hours before the Sacrament of Confirmation date.

Students in Grade 6 will have the opportunity to begin their Christian Service Project allowing ample time to complete their Christian Service Projects. A more definitive outline on Christian Service Projects will be available to students in Grades 6-7.

Students preparing for Confirmation are required to complete a 2 page report based on their chosen name from a Patron Saint. The report is to be written by the student in his/her words not copied from a website. An original report is required.

Students are required to arrive promptly on time to each class. Students are to go to the main doors to the Msgr. Reddy Hall and meet their catechist or classroom aide in the hall. No student will be permitted to class 15 minutes passed the hour. This results in a recorded absence.

Excessive absences results in serious loss of catechetical content. **Please be very conscientious of this.** Promotion to the next grade level is contingent upon completing all catechetical lessons and assignments.

Maximum number of absences permitted is 3 days.

Students who miss class are required to provide to their catechist a parental note explaining their absence.

Students are expected to continue their catechesis throughout eight consecutive years of faith formation. There is no such program as sacramental. In order to grow in their Catholic Faith children require consistency in faith formation and to undergo all grade curriculums thus providing the fullness of Catholic catechesis and development of their Catholic identity.

All students in Grades 2 -8 will be required to attend Sunday Holy Mass weekly and will need to have their Mass Attendance Card signed by a priest/deacon. Attending Holy Mass at any Roman Catholic Church is permissible. Cards are to be submitted to your child(ren) catechist.

No cellular phones are permitted to remain on including vibration mode.

No iPods, iPads, etc. are permitted during class or Holy Mass, liturgies, retreats, etc.

Students are to bring their textbooks, notebook, Rosary Beads, and any additional materials the catechist may instruct each week to class.

Students are responsible for all homework and projects assigned to them.

Plagiarism is not permitted. Any student plagiarizing will receive a

failing grade.

No food or beverages are permitted in the Academy, or in Church at any time by any child (or adult).

At no time will any student be tolerated for misbehaving, such as: disrespectful to teachers, faculty, peers, or compromising the safety of anyone or anything.

Absolutely no bullying will be tolerated by any student. Students that commit said infractions may be expelled from the program.

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous, and Christian charitable manner(s).

All students are to respect all property and personal effects within the Academy and all Parish properties.

All students, parents/guardians, faculty, et al. are obligated to the Child Safety Regulations issued by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. As presentations/meetings, materials, information, etc. become available students and parents/guardians, etc. will be notified.

Religious Education information will be communicated via parish website, student handouts/fliers, parish bulletin, etc. Regular postal mailings will be seldom used.

Parents/Guardians please be attentive to parish website and bulletins for regular announcements. The bulletins are available after each Holy Mass on the weekends and throughout the week days. Be sure to take a copy home for your reference.

Parents/Guardians consent to the release of utilizing their child(ren) photo (and audio) in parish brochures, bulletins, website, videos, and all intellectual properties for the purpose of the propagation of the faith. In so doing you are permitting the Parish of Saint Francis DeSales and anyone it authorizes to use, produce, and reproduce my child(ren) photo, audio, etc. No personal identification will be incorporated along with photos (such as: home, email addresses, telephone numbers etc.), etc. as to explicitly identify any child. I acknowledge that neither my child(ren) nor I will not be paid any form of compensation for production or reproduction of said content. All content materials remain the (intellectual) properties of the Parish of Saint Francis DeSales.

I understand that my registration fee covers the cost for textbooks, resources, online program, and some sacramentals but does not include additional costs for the reception of the Sacraments of

Baptism, First Penance, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. Such fees will be paid at the time of sacramental preparation(s). Furthermore, any loss of textbooks or resources will incur additional costs for replacements and solely the responsibility of the parents/guardians.

Requests for early release. Please speak with Security at the front desk. In order for a student to be released early from class (or from any parish property building) parent/guardian must sign an authorization release form. This is extremely important for safety measures. At no time will any student be released to an adult from class (or from any parish property building) without signing an authorization release form. Photo identification will be required.

Excessive requests for early release jeopardizes a student's loss of content. The student is fully responsible for completing all catechetical lessons and assignments.

Requests for early release should be due to an extraordinary need. Issues, such as: attending practices and games for sports does not come before Faith Formation. Our Lord and God, Jesus Christ comes first!

At no time will any adult be permitted to walk through the Academy building (or any parish property) buildings without proper authorization and accompaniment. Please be very respectful of this for the safety of all children and adults. Any inquires can be made at the Security front desk.

For the safety of all children the administration can not accept telephone/verbal approvals to release your (under-age) child to go home by him/herself. Written approval from the parent/guardian is mandatory.

I will notify in writing (to the administration) that my child will be picked up by someone other than myself - the parent/guardian.

Parents/Guardians and their child(ren) are to kindly follow all safety instructions as issued.

OFFICIAL GUIDELINES AND POLICIES **ON HOLY GROUND**

Parents/Guardians and students are reminded about the appropriate and expected behaviors while on Holy Ground, in Church:

No gum, candy, food, beverages of any kind is to be brought into Church at any time. No cellular phones, iPods, or any electronic media devices are to be left on, no texting, or emailing – TURN PHONES OFF.

Proper attire is expected at all times. Immodest attire is not permitted.

Please maintain silence throughout Holy Mass and Sacred Liturgies.

Be on time to Holy Mass and the Holy Mass ends once the ministerial procession leaves the Church and not after the reception of Holy Communion.

The reception of Holy Communion is reserved for only practicing Catholics and Catholics who have received First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. In addition, no Catholic is to receive Holy Communion while in a state of mortal sin – this includes missing Holy Mass without justifiable cause, such as being ill.

When receiving Holy Communion: you are reminded that you are to bow before receiving Holy Communion. You are permitted to either receive Holy Communion on the tongue or in your left hand (your right hand is to be placed under your left hand thus creating a throne). The minister will say, “The Body of Christ (The Blood of Christ) and our response is “Amen.” If you are receiving Holy Communion in your hand, please place the Body of Christ into your mouth and do not walk off with the Body of Christ. You are also reminded that Holy Communion by Self Intinction is not permitted by the laity (dipping the Body of Christ into the Blood of Christ).

You are encouraged to receive under both Sacred Species, The Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ, when made available. In so doing we share in the fullness of the Holy Eucharist.

Holy Communion under both Sacred Species is offered at First Holy

Communion and Confirmation.

On special liturgical occasions, such as: First Holy Communion and Confirmation the Church will provide professional videography services. The purpose why the Church provides these services is to assure proper dignity and reverence while in Church and provide professional services for our parents/guardians and their child(ren). No other professional photographers or videographers hired by a parent/guardian will be permitted into the Church during liturgies. In addition, parents/guardians, and relatives are restricted from using flash photography and limited to taking photos from their seats. After Holy Mass has ended flash photography may be used in Church but only after Holy Mass has ended.

We remind our parents/guardians that a child receiving Baptism, First Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation (as well as any Sacrament) is the essence of the Sacred by which Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted in His One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church and by which He pours out His graces through these Sacred Rites and Signs. The reception of Baptism, First Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation (and other Sacraments) is not a social event or to be perceived, equated, or reduced as a secular rite of passage.

To be permitted to prepare for and receive a Sacrament is the personal desire to journey with Our Lord and God, Jesus Christ and deepen our personal love and faith in Him and in His One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. In observance of such a Sacred Rite we remind parents/guardians due diligence when making preparations to celebrate a Sacrament. Such preparations are to be made in Holy Simplicity. That is in modesty. Therefore, elaborate and ornate displays competes with the Sacred and we begin to lose the real focus and purpose, which is always Jesus Christ Who glorifies God the Father and wills the Holy Spirit to sanctify souls through His Sacramental Church.

PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATIONS VIA REGISTRATION FORM

- 1) I give consent for my child(ren) to participate in the annual Diocesan Child Lures Prevention Presentation. *Note: if you choose to opt for “No” you will need to complete the Diocesan Opt-Out Form. Parents may keep their child(ren) home on this day - absence will be waived.*
If you do not indicate your option the decision will default to “Yes” and your child will participate in the presentation.
- 2) I will notify in writing (to the administration) that my (under-age) child(ren) will be permitted to walk home alone after being dismissed and/or picked up by someone other than myself - the parent/guardian.
Note: for the safety of all children the administration can not accept telephone/verbal approvals to release your child to go home by him/herself. Written approval from the parent/guardian is mandatory.
- 3) I consent to the release of utilizing my child(ren) photo (and audio) in parish brochures, bulletins, website, videos, and all intellectual properties for the purpose of the Propagation of the Faith. In so doing you are permitting the Parish of St. Francis DeSales and anyone it authorizes to use, produce, and reproduce my child(ren) photo, audio, etc. No personal identification will be incorporated along with photos (such as: home, email addresses, telephone numbers etc.), etc. as to explicitly identify any child(ren). I acknowledge that neither my child(ren) nor I will not be paid any form of compensation for production or reproduction of said content. All content materials remain the (intellectual) properties of the Parish of Saint Francis DeSales.
- 4) I understand that as my child(ren) First Teacher I will lead my child(ren) by striving to be a living example of the faith by attending Holy Mass every Sunday and Holy Day with my child(ren) including the Sacrament of Reconciliation, devotionals, etc.
- 5) I understand that my child(ren), regardless of the program I selected is required to attend Sunday Holy Mass weekly at a Roman Catholic Church and have his/her Mass Attendance Card signed (in Grades 2 & 8) after Holy Mass by a priest/deacon. The Mass Attendance Card is to be submitted to my child’s catechist.
- 6) I understand that excessive absences from class (beyond 5 absences) results in significant loss of catechetical content and may result in failure to be promoted to the next grade level.
- 7) I understand that should I select Online Catholic Homeschooling my child(ren) is required to complete all lessons and attend once a month the Spiritual Enrichment program at the academy.
- 8) I have read and agree to the Registration Agreement and understand its contents and will strive to comply with all guidelines and policies contained within

the Registration Agreement and any future appendages to be adopted.

Signature of parent/guardian _____

Date _____

~ Rite of Committal ~

Please fill out the information below and bring this Rite of Committal with you and your child to Church on Sunday, September 17th at the 9:00 A.M. Holy Mass

In summation, I _____

PRINT – Parent/Guardian Name

PRINT – Student/Child Name

promise Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar to be faithful to His One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church by attending His Holy Mass each Sunday, Holy Days of Obligation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and deepening my Faith in Jesus Christ Who is ***“My Lord, and My God”*** (John 20:28) through His Sacramental Church’s Teachings and Traditions. I understand that I have a role as the parent/guardian ***“...we are not only guardians of their lives, but also guardians of their Faith, and guardians of their Catholic identity.”*** In so doing I am hereby committed to supporting the School of Evangelization in Faith Formation - Religious Education at the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales and its Pastoral Staff and Catechetical Team in the development of both myself and my child(ren) as we journey together to (re)discover our lives in Jesus Christ and His One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I further understand that any breech of this Rite of Committal may result in the failure of my child(ren) not being promoted to the next grade level and jeopardizes that he or she may not receive a designated Sacrament of the Church. I hereby acknowledge that I have reviewed the School of Evangelization in Faith Formation Registration Agreement for the Religious Education Program at the Parish of Saint Francis de Sales. I understand the policies, rules, and regulations stated within the Registration Agreement. I further pledged that I and my child(ren) will abide by all the guidelines and policies and any and all future adoptions. Lastly, I understand that there are no exceptions to any rules or guidelines and no refunds on registrations once I and my child(ren) has signed this ***Rite of Committal and promised our commitment in the Presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar ~ Our Lord, and Our God, Jesus Christ.***

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student/Child Signature: _____

Dated: _____