

# **Parish of Saint Francis de Sales**

School of Evangelization - Faith Formation Office  
129-16 Rockaway Beach Blvd. - Belle Harbor, New York 11694  
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## **Religious Education for Grades K to 8 Program Registration Agreement**



**“Great works do not always come our way, but every moment presents us with opportunities to do little ones with excellence.”**

## **Pastoral Staff**

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

## **Official Religious Education Program Hours**

**Online Classes** Available for All Grades for 2020-2021 year  
**Location:** [www.sfdsparish.org](http://www.sfdsparish.org)

**Onsite Wednesday Classes** Grades K - 5  
**Class Starts/Ends:** 4:00P.M. – 5:15PM.  
**Location** Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

**Onsite Wednesday Classes** Grades 6 - 8  
**Class Starts/Ends:** 6:30P.M. - 7:45P.M.  
**Location** Academy of Saint Francis de Sales

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August 15, 2020

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 our Religious Education Program. We are planning to be onsite as of Wednesday, October 7, 2020, but we do have a distance-learning platform in place as well should we need it. We will be implementing a program of blended learning, hopefully on-site classes and at home resources and assignments via a student and parent portal.

We will still be offering two options for religious education, namely:

- Onsite - Blended Learning Wednesday Classes for Grades K to 8
- Online Catholic Homeschooling for **all** grades due to the pandemic. We offer Online Catholic Homeschooling provided by *My Catholic Faith Delivered*.

We will be following all federal, state, city and Diocesan mandates including masks, sanitizing and social distance mandates. And adhere to the policies set forth by the Academy. Our catechetical team are prepared for the challenges ahead for us all in Religious Education and they are as committed as ever, but we need your help, parents/guardians/families! Families are the first teachers of the faith and we will be there to help, lead and inspire you along our faith journey together. We are all called to the witnessing and sharing of the Church's official teachings and her rich traditions rooted in our Faith as handed down to us from our Lord, and our God, Jesus Christ. As we embark upon a new and very different year in our faith formation - religious education program we will begin the year with ***Catechetical Sunday, September 20th, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. for Holy Mass***. We look to deepening our Catholic Faith as a parish as we celebrate our faith with deeper love and commitment. On behalf of the Religious Education Program we wish you and your child (ren) every spiritual blessing and prayer for the year to come. .

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Anne Marie Greene*

Anne Marie Greene  
Director of Religious Education

*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 nonparticipants. 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 Religious Education Program here at Saint. Francis de Sales 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 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. Together we are collaborators and partners with the catechists, we are the first teachers of the faith. How do we do this? By ensuring your child(ren) is taken to his/her religious educational classes each week either onsite or on assigned Teams meeting platform. By ensuring you and your child(ren) is at Mass each and every weekend including the Holy Days of Obligation. By ensuring both you and your child(ren) are participating 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 journey together in hope 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.

Please feel free to contact our office with any questions, concerns you might have. May God help us all to find the path to him.

# **OFFICIAL DIOCESAN POLICIES AND OVERVIEW**



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

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### **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**

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 can 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.

## **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. 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 **EITHER IN PERSON OR ON A MEETING PLATFORM**

## **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.

## **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.

## **Religious Education Program at St. Francis de Sales**

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: All grades for the 2020-2021 school year**

**Location: [www.sfdsparish.org](http://www.sfdsparish.org)**

### **Onsite Blended–Learning Wednesday Program**

**Grades: K to 5**

**Location: Academy of Saint Francis de Sales /Christ in Us Program**

**Class Duration: 4:00P.M. – 5:15P.M.**

**Blended Learning if needed to be implemented-15 min. catechist directed, 1 hr. at home with family/parent participation**

### **Onsite Blended-Learning Wednesday Program**

**Grades: 6 and 7**

**Location: Academy of Saint Francis de Sales**

**Class Duration: 6:30P.M. - 7:45 P.M.**

**Blended Learning: if needed to be implemented-15 min catechist directed,1 hr. at home with family/parent**

**\* NOTE All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students receiving Confirmation will be directed as to when they will meet and practices to be held.**

### **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 know as RCIC that prepares them for the reception of the Sacraments. Please contact the Rel. Ed. Office at 718-945-6911 for further information.

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

# OFFICIAL GUIDELINES AND POLICIES IN CATECHESIS, PASTORAL, AND SPIRITUALITY IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 an **active** 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 selected charity of this office 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, and catechist aides.

Students in Grade 7 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 to begin their Christian Service Project and give 10 hrs. of service. 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 directly to their classrooms and meet their catechist or classroom aide there.. No student will be permitted to class 15 minutes passed the hour. This results in a recorded absence. Students are also expected to attend with their families any of the TEAMS meeting platform assigned by the catechist or the Director of Religious Education.

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 5 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. 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 2,6,7, will be encouraged to attend Sunday Holy Mass weekly and should keep attendance on Mass attendance sheet at home.

**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. In the folder given.

Students are responsible for all homework and projects assigned to them either in the workbook or on Christ In Us portal.

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 and other Health directives 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, Option C Parent Alert ,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 Mass on the weekends and throughout the weekdays. Be sure to take a copy home for your reference. The bulletin can also be found on our parish website [sfdsparish.org](http://sfdsparish.org) each week.

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 de Sales 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 de Sales.

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 call the Religious Education office for early release prior to pick up.

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 Religious Education. 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 with Security.

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.

**\* NOTE: We will be following all City/ State/Federal guidelines for safety including wearing of masks, temperature check, sanitizing and social distancing in the school building. Any child not in compliance will be directed to be picked up by parent/guardian**

## **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.

Holy Communion under both Sacred Species is offered at First Holy Communion and Confirmation. (Precious blood ceased indefinitely).

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.

## **St. Francis de Sales Parish**

### **Announcing Re-Registration/New Registration for 2020-2021 Religious Education Program**

We are happy to announce the registration for the 2020-2021 school year. We will safely be opening classes onsite beginning Wednesday October 7, 2020 so children and catechists can experience the Community of Christ together. Our hours are changing in order to accommodate all sanitizing measures. We are also offering an online homeschooling experience My Catholic Faith Delivered for students in grades 1-7.

Onsite classes will be using a possible Blended Learning approach if we need to go to distance learning anytime during the school year. All grades that are in sacramental preparation classes are encouraged to attend Mass, either in person, or livestreamed and keep track using the Mass attendance sheets.

The Online Program is a distance learning opportunity with a commitment on the part of the parent to create a homeschool environment that follows the My Catholic Faith Delivered required assignments and chapters for each grade level. All online students are to complete each grade course in order to be promoted.

**All religious education students MUST attend either onsite or online for the 20-21 school year in order to stay on course to receive the sacraments. Any student who does not participate in the 20-21 school year of our Religious Education program will be subject to repeat a grade.**

#### **Returning Student / New Student Application**

Please fill out the enclosed registration form including the information for all the children in your family that will be attending either the onsite or online programs.

**Please fill out the form clearly especially your email address.**

The tuition fees for the 2020-2021 school year is as follows:

1 child \$200

2 children \$250

3 or more children \$300

Please make your check payable to St. Francis de Sales Parish.

**IF YOU REGISTER BEFORE September 2, 2020 \$25.00 WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM YOUR TUITION FEE.**

**Return the re registration form and fee no later than September 16, 2020**

As we plan for this new school year in Religious Education, we are energized by the great potential our parish and our children have to engage as a family and community, while learning from the priests, catechist and others the theology of our faith and the meaning of Jesus' teachings. Our future is in our children, which is why I can appeal to **all the faithful**: to join us in our endeavor to provide this exceptional ministry of **Blended Instruction** for our children in their faith. When on site classes take place it will be at the Academy on Wednesdays- Grades K-5 4:00-4:45pm, Grades 6-8 6:30-7:45pm.

We look forward to another faith filled, spiritual and exciting year here at St. Francis de Sales Parish. Classes are hopefully set to begin on Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Peace,

**PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATIONS VIA REGISTRATION FORM**

.1) 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 cannot accept telephone/ verbal approvals to release your child to go home by him/herself. Written approval from the parent/guardian is mandatory.***

2) 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

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 de Sales.

3) I understand that the parents/guardians/ family are the First Teachers of the faith and they will working in partnership with the catechist to be living examples of faith to their child/ren by attending Mass and setting aside time each week to work together as a family and completing assignments that are given.

4) 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 ,6,7) after Holy Mass by a priest/deacon.

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Mass Attendance Card is to be submitted to my child's catechist.

5) 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.

6) I understand that should I select Online Catholic Homeschooling my child(ren) is required to complete all lessons by the date given.

7) 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 parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Saint Francis de Sales Religious Education - Office of Faith Formation  
REGISTRATION FORM ~ 2020-2021**

Select Program/Grade Level as of Sept. 2020: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Online Homeschooling All grades for 20-21 academic year

\_\_\_\_ Onsite Wednesday Class – 4:00P.M. – 5:00P.M.(Grades K-5)

\_\_\_\_ Onsite Wednesday Class - 6:30P.M. - 7:30 P.M. (Grades 6, 7)

**NOTE: Online homeschooling is available for all grades 1-7 for the 2020-2021 school year.**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth; \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Baptism (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of Baptismal Certificate \_\_\_\_\_ Certified by: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish # \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's maiden name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please specify any special medical needs and /or concerns this includes allergies to specific food and any/all medications your child is on. Also specify any legal issues or educational services your child receives at school.

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Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_