



Church of St. Paul the Apostle

The Paulist Church

Welcome to Religious Education Programs for Children Registration Information 2011-2012

This is an application packet for families who are already registered parishioner at St. Paul's and are registering their children for the first time in Religious Education at St. Paul's.

Programs Offered

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a program of spiritual development of the young child, which follows the principles of Montessori education.

Good Shepherd sessions are two hours long and are held on Sundays from 9:30-11:30 or from 12:20 to 2:20 pm.

The Catechesis of Good Shepherd, Level 1 is for children from 3 to 5 years of age. Registration is limited to 12 children per class group. **Only level I will be offered at St. Paul's.**

Parents are asked to attend an orientation session before their child enters the Good Shepherd Program for the first time.

First Communion Preparation: Two years of attendance are required before receiving First Communion. A certificate of attendance in Catholic School will count for one year toward First Communion preparation in our parish. Regular classes are held on Sundays from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. Children are placed in classes according to their age and grade in school.

Preparations for Confirmation A child must be in seventh grade or older, and have attended two consecutive years of religious education before Confirmation. If a child attends Catholic school and wishes to be confirmed in our parish program, a certificate of attendance will count for one year toward preparation for Confirmation. Confirmation classes are held on Sundays from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm.

Religious Education Classes are offered for children in Grades 1 through 6, independently of sacramental preparation. These classes center on the themes of the Scriptures for mass and teach catechism, prayer, Church history, and living the Catholic faith. Grade-level classes are offered on Sundays from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm.

Requirements for Registration

- ❖ **Be an active registered parishioner of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle.** If you are new in our community or worship with us regularly and would like to be registered as a parishioner, please fill out a registration form.
- ❖ **For families registering for Religious Education at St. Paul's for the first time, the religious Education Registration Form** is available at the parish receptionist desk or by calling 212-265-3495, extension 341.
- ❖ **Returning families will receive all registration information by mail in early august. IF your children attended Religious Education at St. Paul's last year, PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT THE REGISTRATION FORM AGAIN.** The duplication causes much extra work. Payment of your Religious Education fee will complete your registration. Please call Hernán Sánchez if you have not received your letter by August 20.
- ❖ A copy of the baptismal record of each child registering for Religious Education. (Please call the religious Education Office to check if you believe that we already have your baptismal record on file.)
- ❖ Payment of Religious Education Fee by check or money order. We cannot accept cash.

Religious Education Fees per school year, September 2011 to May 2012

Family with one child in the program	\$70
Family with two children in the program	\$85
Family with three or more children in the program	\$95

*** Additional fees for First Communion and Confirmation are not included in this figure.**

Register by mail or by returning the form, baptismal record and Religious Education fee to parish receptionist on or before August 1st. 2011. Mark the envelope "religious education". Your registration will be confirmed by the first week in September.

Hernán Sánchez, our Director of Religious Education, would be glad to meet with you to answer your questions or to complete your Registration in person. Please call for an appointment at 212-265-3495, extension 341.

Registration deadline is August 1st. 2011

Classes will meet for the first time on Sunday, September 18, 2011

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