

**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL
2012-2013**



The Religious Education program at St. Matthew's Cathedral exists to provide sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation as well as ongoing faith formation for children who have received these sacraments. It strives to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ in the context of the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. The program presents the four fundamental themes of the Catechism of the Catholic Church – Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer – in such a way that the children of our parish begin to understand how to live the Gospel.

When and where are classes held?

Classes are held weekly on Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 11am in the St. Matthew's Education Center located at 1726 N Street NW. It is expected that parents will attend a special class for them at the same time and that families will worship at the 11:30am Mass following class. Classes generally are not held on holiday weekends.

When do classes begin?

There will be a mandatory parent-teacher meeting Sunday, September 9, 2012 from 9:45 to 11am in the West Conference Room. Classes will begin Sunday, September 16, 2012 and conclude in May.

How do I register my child(ren)?

Complete the two-sided registration form (available in the Cathedral rectory and on the parish website), and attach your child's Baptism certificate (if new to the Religious Education program) and cash or check made payable to St. Matthew's Cathedral for \$50.00 per family. Financial assistance and/or a payment plan are available for those in need. Submit registration materials to the Director of Faith Formation in the Cathedral Rectory.

PRIORITY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2012

Questions about registration?

Contact Heather Kinney, Director of Faith Formation, at hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-347-3215, x530.

----- CALL FOR TEACHERS -----

The success of our Children's Religious Education program is a result of the commitment of adult parishioners who generously give of their time and talent to help the children of our parish grow in their faith.

Typical Teacher Commitment:

- Initial meeting with program coordinator and/or Director of Faith Formation*
- Periodic teacher meetings throughout the year*
- Planning (approximately 1 hour per week)*
- Teaching (75 minutes per week)*
- Archdiocesan Child Protection Policy compliance*
 - Volunteer application and criminal background check (fingerprinting) – by September 1*
 - Virtus "Protecting God's Children" seminar – by November 1*

If you are interested in learning about teaching opportunities for the 2012-2013 year, please contact program coordinator Julie McLaughlin at julieann.mclaughlin@gmail.com.

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FAMILY INFORMATION Is your family registered at St. Matthew's Cathedral? _____ Y _____ N

If your family is not registered at St. Matthew's Cathedral, what is your parish? _____

Child(ren)'s Last Name: _____

Primary Street Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Mother's Full Name (*first & (maiden) & last*): _____
Ex. Mary (Jones) Smith

Mother's Address: [*if different from child(ren)*]: _____

Mother's Email: _____ Mother's Primary Phone: _____

Father's Full Name (*first & last*): _____
Ex. John Smith

Father's Address: [*if different from child(ren)*]: _____

Father's Email: _____ Father's Primary Phone: _____

Mother's Denomination/Religion: _____ Father's Denomination/Religion: _____

CHILD #1 *New families must attach a copy of each child's Baptism certificate to this form.*

First & Middle Name: _____ Sex: _____ M _____ F Grade (2012-2013): _____

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy): _____ School name: _____

Please check the sacraments this child has received in the **Roman Catholic Church:**
Please include city and state of parish.

- ____ Baptism Date: _____ Parish: _____
- ____ First Reconciliation Date: _____ Parish: _____
- ____ First Eucharist Date: _____ Parish: _____
- ____ Confirmation Date: _____ Parish: _____

Chronic Health Conditions: _____

ALL Current Medications: _____

Environmental & Food Allergies: _____

Behavioral & Educational Traits (ADD, dyslexic, gifted, etc.): _____

CHILD #2 *New families must attach a copy of each child's Baptism certificate to this form.*

First & Middle Name: _____ Sex: _____ M _____ F Grade (2012-2013): _____

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy): _____ School name: _____

Please check the sacraments this child has received in the **Roman Catholic Church:**
Please include city and state of parish.

- ____ Baptism Date: _____ Parish: _____
- ____ First Reconciliation Date: _____ Parish: _____
- ____ First Eucharist Date: _____ Parish: _____
- ____ Confirmation Date: _____ Parish: _____

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CHILD #2 continued

Chronic Health Conditions: _____

ALL Current Medications: _____

Environmental & Food Allergies: _____

Behavioral & Educational Traits (ADD, dyslexic, gifted, etc.): _____

**Please attach additional form(s) for more than two children.*

HEALTH INSURANCE & MEDICAL TREATMENT INFORMATION

Full Name of Insured Parent: _____ ID #: _____

Health Insurance Provider: _____ Group ID #: _____

Policy #: _____

Emergency Medical Treatment Release

I hereby authorize any reasonable and necessary medical treatment, administration of anesthesia, and surgical treatment(s) of my minor child in the event of my absence, or when the hospital or physicians are *unable to contact me*. This authorization extends to any hospital, physicians, and nursing personnel on staff where treatment is rendered. I release from liability and waive all claims (with the exception of liability and claims resulting from gross negligence or willful misconduct) against St. Matthew's Cathedral, church staff, church volunteers, the hospital, physicians, and nursing personnel for performing reasonable and necessary medical procedures in accordance with the authority of this consent for medical treatment.

Parent Name (printed): _____

Parent Signature: _____

PICKUP AUTHORIZATION

___ Please check to authorize only the parents listed on the first page of this registration form to pick up your child(ren).

Please list below any and all individuals (aside from parents) who are authorized to pick up your child(ren) from class.

Name: _____ Relationship to child(ren): _____

Name: _____ Relationship to child(ren): _____

Name: _____ Relationship to child(ren): _____

Name: _____ Relationship to child(ren): _____

AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH PHOTOGRAPHS & ARTWORK

I hereby grant permission to St. Matthew's Cathedral to publish pictures of me and/or my child(ren) [and any artwork created during the course of the Religious Education program] on the church's website or in the church's publicity information, newsletters, or bulletins. NO NAMES WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE. I understand that if I give notice to the webmaster that I object to any particular picture of me and/or my child(ren), it will be removed as soon as possible. I understand that neither I nor any child(ren) in question will be paid any royalty or other compensation for the publication of any pictures. I further state that I have the right to grant or refuse this permission as I am the child's parent or legal guardian.

Parent Name (printed): _____

Parent Signature: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY (Do not write in this section.)

Date received: _____ Payment method: ___ cash ___ check # _____ date _____ Amount paid: _____

Baptism certificate(s): Child #1: ___ Y ___ N Child #2: ___ Y ___ N

Submit with \$50.00 fee per family (cash or check payable to St. Matthew's Cathedral) to:

*Director of Faith Formation
St. Matthew's Cathedral
1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW
Washington DC 20036*