

Guidelines for those who Home School

Program

Parents/guardians who home school, are to register their children according to the regulations and policy procedures established by the parish.

Parents/guardians who home school, together with their children, will use the catechetical text and supplementary catechetical resources established by the parish program and periodically meet to review the progress of their catechetical efforts. The approved catechetical text used is, "Finding God" published by Loyola Press for grades 1-6, and "Blest Are We" published by RCL Benziger for grade 7 & 8.

The student will periodically meet after the completion of each unit to complete the required assessment. The parent is given the Faith Formation Lesson Plan Outline, the same outline the Catechist receives. "Finding God" has five chapters in each unit and five units in the text. After the student completes a unit that student/parent must schedule an appointment with the Faith Formation Office to complete the unit assessment by calling 219-462-2202 ext. 230 or 228. All five unit assessments must be completed through the Faith Formation Office to be promoted to the next grade level. Only one grade level may be completed each year.

"Blest Are We" published by RCL Benziger, Grade 7 is "The Story of Jesus" and Grade 8 is "The Story of Our Church", each text has four chapters in each unit with a total of five units. After the student completes a unit that student/parent must schedule an appointment with the Faith Formation Office to complete the assessment by calling 219-462-2202 ext. 230 or 228. All five unit assessments must be completed through the Faith Formation Office to be promoted to the next grade level. Only one grade level may be completed each year.

The family fee is \$75, which is due upon registration. An additional fee of \$25 is due for any sacrament year. (refer to fee policies in Parent Manual & Guide on page 9). There will be a \$35 rental deposit on each Catechist text that is needed by the parent home schooling. The \$35 rental deposit will be returned to the home schooling parent when the Catechist text is returned to the Faith Formation Office.

Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to attend the catechist formation sessions and in-services. Catechist training and in-services are in the church bulletin & newsletter; call the Faith Formation Office to register your attendance to any session.

Sacraments

Children/youth who are home schooled are to celebrate the sacraments and the immediate preparation for the sacrament in the parish at the time determined for those in the parish-based program. Those who choose to home school their children are to fully participate in all the parish based programs for sacramental catechesis.