

# *2016-17 Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Religious Education Homeschooling Policy and Contract*

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The following is an agreement between Saint Francis Parish Religious Education Program and parents/guardians of children participating in the Home School Instruction Program for Religious Education at Saint Francis Parish.

## **TO BE FILLED OUT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL STUDENT**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home School Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Home Schooling \_\_\_\_\_

**Please read and keep a copy of the Home Schooling Policy for your reference:**

1. The family, children, or designated legal guardian must be registered members of Saint Francis Parish and have a paid RE registration on file in the RE office.

### **2. All children in the Religious Education program are expected to attend weekly Mass and Holy Days of Obligation**

3. Members of Saint Francis Parish are a part of a community; because of this, children and parents/guardians are required to participate in communal activities that are scheduled for families in the Parish Religious Education Program, i.e. Prayer Services, Parent Meetings, Home School parent meetings and retreats.

4. I understand that **I will pick up** from the RE Office all appropriate curriculum materials needed to effectively home school my child (ren). The materials provided are the same texts, supporting documents (syllabus) and online resources that are in use within the Parish Religious Education Program and will be grade specific for each student. **Parents are responsible** for obtaining an RE Calendar and Parent Handbook from the website and keeping up with all scheduled events for RE and Sacramental years. Parents should check website frequently for any changes.

4. I agree to have my child complete the Chapter Reviews and Unit Tests and send the results to the RE Office both midyear (January) and end of year (May).

5. If the child(ren) are in a sacramental preparation year (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>), I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain the dates and times for all parent meetings, practices, retreats, and sacraments.

6. I agree to have my child (ren) attend all appropriate practices and retreats relating to the preparation required for reception of the sacraments.

7. I understand that if, after careful and thoughtful reflection, it is determined that my child (ren) has not successfully completed the required work or have not successfully attained a reasonable level of understanding regarding the curriculum that he/she is studying, the Director of Religious Education may recommend that the religious educational needs of the student may be better served in the formal Parish Religious Education Program at the grade level specified by the Director of Religious Education.

8. As part of a Diocesan requirement for all Religious Education students, catechists or parents are

required to review the Christian Chastity lesson plan with each child and return the required form by November 1<sup>st</sup>. [www.arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection/form\\_christianchastity.aspx](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection/form_christianchastity.aspx)

9. I understand that I must register my child the same as if he/she were attending RE parish classes and pay the designated fees. This includes the sacramental fees. The tuition costs cover books, retreats, and administrative costs.

10. As part of the Diocesan policies on Religious Education a child is required to have 30 hours yearly of instruction. Therefore, parents are required to keep a log of hours and hand in copy at the end of the year. **Parents are to instruct and not sit child down alone with book.**

11. Parents will attend all Parent Meetings for the year; the general Parent Meeting in the fall and two parent meetings during the year specifically for homeschoolers.

12. Families will attend **two mandatory** Family Faith Encounter Nights which will take place the week of November 14<sup>th</sup>, **2016** and the week of March 26<sup>th</sup>, **2017**. **This is required to complete the homeschool year. This is a requirement for the summer session also.**

**Home School tuition fees are due upon registration**

Please sign the office copy and parent copy.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DRE Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office copy** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent copy** \_\_\_\_\_

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**For Office Use Only:**

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

School Year: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Reviews and Unit Tests completed and submitted: \_\_\_ Midyear \_\_\_\_\_ Final: \_\_\_\_\_

This student has successfully completed \_\_\_\_\_ grade Religious Education Curriculum

This student has not successfully completed \_\_\_\_\_ grade Religious Education Curriculum for the following reasons \_\_\_\_\_

It is recommended that this child be reinstated in the formal Parish Religious Education program in the following grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent did not abide by the policy for the following reason: \_\_\_\_\_