

2008 - 2009 HOME SCHOOL COMMITMENT FORM AND BOOK ORDER

Family Name _____

Reason for Home Schooling

Parent Commitment

I have read and reviewed the attached Home School Guidelines and expectations. I understand and agree to the guidelines and am committed to my children's Religious Education.

Child's Name

Grade

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

FEES

Grades 1 through 6 - First Child in Each Grade- \$83.00

Grade 7 - First Child - \$81.00

Additional student book for second child in the same grade:
\$16.00

Please Check Grades Needed	Grade	# of Additional Student Books for Second Child in Same Grade	Total Due
	1		
	2		
	3		
	4		
	5		
	6		
	7		

I am enclosing a check for the total of: _____

Checks should be made payable to "St. Maria Goretti PREP."

Books will be ordered in early August. Home School packages will be available before Labor Day.

St. Maria Goretti
Parish Religious Education Program
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Dear Home School Parents,

Pope John Paul II, in his "Letter to Families," reaffirmed the right of parents to teach their children about our Catholic faith when he stated: "Parents are the first and most important educators of their own children..."

But please remember home based formal religious education is a cooperative effort between you as parents, your children, our Parish community and our Religious Education Office. It is our goal then to keep you informed of any upcoming catechetical program activities. You are a part of the parish's total catechetical effort and are not only welcomed, but encouraged to participate. We as a parish must monitor the progress of our children's religious education and we therefore must be kept updated and informed of your child's progress.

We are attaching the Parish Home School Guidelines for Religious Education. We need you to review these and sign stating your commitment to home school your child, or children, for religious education. This needs to be returned to our office with the registration form and appropriate fee(s) before August 1, 2008 so that we may place the appropriate book order.

As you review the enclosures please know we are always happy to answer any questions you may have or discuss any aspect of your child's religious education. Please feel free to give us a call or send us an e-mail.

Mrs. Julie Clymer
Coordinator of Religious Education

**St. Maria Goretti Parish Religious Education Program
Home School Guidelines and Expectations
2007 - 2008 School Year**

We agree to and understand the following:

All families who home school must be registered in the parish.

The Religious Education Office must have a Home School registration form on file that includes the reason to home school. Please remember that Jesus comes before any sport or activity.

Books used are to be the Loyola Press, Christ Our Life series, 2009 edition at the appropriate grade level available through the Religious Education Office. For grade 7, the 2007 edition of Confirmed in the Spirit must be used.

You will also receive the Curriculum guidelines for grades 1 through 6 as determined by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This needs to be used as a guide in addition to the book to determine what is required to know before moving on to the next grade. Using both the text book and the Archdiocesan Religion Curriculum guidelines together, the grade level must be completed.

All appropriate fees & costs are to be paid at the time of registration.

Twice during the year, January and May, graded unit tests are to be submitted to the Religious Education Office. The Unit Tests found in Teacher's Manual are not to be given as "open book" tests. In May the final Unit Tests, Progress Report and the Activity Log needs to be returned to be kept on file.

The corresponding quizzes and worksheets in the Teacher's Manual should be utilized for each chapter as part of the learning process.

Progress Reports provided by the Religious Education Office are to be graded as shown below. Grades are to be kept on a Trimester basis.

VG = Very Good Progress - Average grades of 90 and above

G = Good Progress - Average grades of 80 to 89

S = Satisfactory Progress - Grades of 70 to 79

U = Unsatisfactory Progress - Average grades below 70

Children should be involved in the life and mission of the Church by participating fully in parish life. They should celebrate Sunday Eucharist and involve themselves in the life of the parish. Home school children are invited to any church function that is offered during Religious Education classes on Monday and Tuesday evenings, such as Stations of the Cross, confessions or praying of the Rosary. A PREP schedule including these will be included with your package.

Home School children who will be celebrating First Penance, First Eucharist or Confirmation must participate fully in practices and retreats relating to the preparation for reception of the sacrament. Parents must attend all parent meetings relating to the sacrament. We will mail you information but please take special notice to our PREP Update in each week's bulletin for notices or changes to sacrament related dates.

The home schooled student must receive 32.5 hours of formal catechetical instruction. These hours do not include time spent completing homework assignments, doing service projects or attending practices or retreats required to receive sacraments.

It is understood that after careful thought and reflection, if a student who is preparing for the reception of a sacrament has not demonstrated a reasonable level of understanding regarding the curriculum, the student's reception of the sacrament may be deferred.