

Saint Ambrose Parish

3107 63rd Avenue, Cheverly, MD 20785



Religious Education Program

Registration Packet
2016-2017

**Registration Deadline:
Sunday August 28th 2016**

* \$20 extra for late registrations

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Registration Deadline: August 28 2016. \$20 late registration charge.

Spaces are limited. Register early!

Volunteers: Every year we need volunteers for the different functions of the program. Please speak with the director if you'd like to help. Fee is waived for children of volunteers.

Curriculum: This year, we will begin using *Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts* from Loyola Press. The program is based on a spiral curriculum that integrates the fundamental themes of the Catechism of the Catholic Church with Scripture and Catholic Social Teachings. As children are introduced to and revisit concepts and vocabulary from one year to the next, their knowledge and experience both broaden and deepen. This program provides lessons in the faith and delivers those lessons through experiential activities that encourage lifelong practice.

Attendance: Only 3 Absences are permitted. After 3 absences, you will need to speak with the director about continuity in the program, especially for those in sacramental prep. It is expected that you touch base with the catechist about missed material and how to catch up at home.

Late arrivals: They affect not only the students but the class as a whole as it disrupts the regular flow. Therefore, 2 late arrivals will count as 1 absence.

Calendar: It is expected that parents follow the calendar attached to this packet unless indicated otherwise.

Discipline:

- No electronic devices are permitted to be used during class. They may be confiscated and will be returned to the parents.
- Intentionally damaging or taking other's property, especially St. Ambrose School's, will result in disciplinary measures.
- Respect for others, especially for catechists and their instructions is expected.
- Unruly behavior including arguing with catechists and fighting with peers will not be tolerated.

Drop-off and Pick-up: Parents must drop off their children in the gym and pick them up in their classrooms. Grades K – 5 must be signed out.

Communication: Various forms of communication will be used including pre-recorded voice messages, text messages, e-mails and letters sent home for reminders and announcements.

Telephone and electronic communication will take place through *School Messenger*. This will include the pre-recorded voice, text and e-mail messages. Please be sure to fill the registration form completely and update any changes in your phone or e-mails so that you may receive all information sent out.

Cancellations Due to Weather: We follow the Prince George's County Public School's Policy for Inclement weather. If the schools are closed, we are usually closed. However, the county does not always make any announcements for the weekends. Expect a message from the director via voice, text and/or email message depending on what communication method you preferred.

