

Saint Ignatius of Antioch
Parish Religious Education Program
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Registration for PREP classes for the 2018 – 2019 school year! We are offering you 3 regular PREP sessions and a Family Catechesis Program:

Sunday, **10:35 – 11:50 a.m.** (note slight time change).....Grades K – 8
Monday, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.Grades 1 – 8
Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Grades 1 – 6

In addition, from our experience with the “pilot” program, we are beginning a Family Catechesis Program. This program involves home-schooling and some in-class sessions at the 10:35 a.m. Sunday class time for both students and parents. All participating families will be required to sign an agreement that they will adhere to the standards of the program. I will be having a meeting with parents who may be interested to find out more about the program on an evening in May. Check your email for the announcement of the date.

Our PREP classes, which **begin on Sunday, September 9**, meet weekly for 30 weeks and follow the curriculum of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. In addition, the students experience various kinds of prayer and practices of our Church. Grade 2 students prepare for the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. Since Archbishop Chaput has changed the grade level for Confirmation, we will not be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 2018 – 2019 PREP year. Those students who are finishing the 5th grade level this year will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 2019 – 2020 PREP year when they are in the 7th grade level. No student can begin Sacrament preparation without several years of Religious Education. Students who were not in first grade PREP cannot enter second grade without completing the first level. Of course, the number one reason for Religious Education is helping the children to develop a deep relationship with God. If we want this for our children, we need to work together by praying with them every day and especially, bringing them to Mass each weekend. Kids will consider God important if their parents do. Many adults drift away at times and/or go through periods of doubt. Parents, sometimes it’s good to talk things out. Know that I am here if I can help in any way.

Please **complete a Registration Form for each child** and bring it with you to the Walk-in Registration night on **Tuesday, April 24, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Please choose the session that will help you bring your child to class on time and be present in class each week. The better deal is to register early. **Those who register early not only guarantee their choice of**

session but also pay the discounted tuition cost. Registration forms are available in the Religious Education Office and on the parish website. **A copy of the Baptismal Certificate must accompany registrations for new students in the program unless they were baptized in St. Ignatius. Tuition (see below) is due at the time of registration.**

As you know, we cannot do what we do without your help. We always need catechists, classroom aides, hall/door monitors, and substitutes for each of these positions. Please don't be afraid to teach. I will offer a *Catechist Orientation Course* sometime in August to get you ready to teach; in addition, I am available to help in any way I can. Please consider sharing your time and talents by completing the **Volunteer Form**.

PREP Tuition 2018 – 2019:

<u>Regular Tuition – After June 30 – Grades K to 6</u>	<u>*** Discounted tuition through June 30</u>
\$240 – first child	\$220 – first child
230 – second child	210 – second child
220 – third child or more	200 – third child or more
Maximum - \$690	Maximum - \$630
<u>Grades 7 – 12</u> – \$40 per student – fee for books and materials only	

Each PREP family is expected to give a minimum of \$100.00 as a Church contribution (a lump sum of \$100.00 OR 4 payments of \$25.00 in September, November, February, and April). Please use your church envelope.

If a family is having financial difficulties at this time, the parents should contact Annmarie (215-493-5204) to come up with a payment plan or speak with Father Brownholtz.

Our PREP goal is to help our students develop a deep relationship with the God who loves them more than they could ever imagine. The way to do this is to grow in knowledge of God, become people of prayer, and live as Jesus did, so each of us can continue Jesus' mission on earth. Let's work together, Moms and Dads!

Sincerely,

Annmarie Flanagan
Director of Religious Education

*“I have called you by your name; you are mine.
Do not be afraid, for I am with you because you are precious in my eyes,
and I love you.”*

Isaiah 43