



ST. JOAN of ARC
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Homeschool Religious Education 2021-2022

Cost:

\$80 for one child

\$130 for two children

\$155 for three or more children

- Parents will register at St. Joan of Arc parish and declare their option for homeschooling.
- Parents are required to attend the initial two (2) Parent meetings for Religious Education. Parents are welcome to attend any of the remaining parent meetings during the year. Families are also welcome to participate in the community events that will take place several times in a semester.
- Except for the community events as listed on the schedule, children will be educated at home. Those parents who would like their children to attend the catechetical sessions for children offered at the parish are invited to register for the Parish Religious Education program instead.
- The Coordinator of Religious Education will schedule meetings periodically throughout the year with homeschool families to review the progress of the program.
- It is expected that Families will be attending Mass *each* Sunday (or Saturday Vigil Mass).

Sacramental Preparation Specific Considerations

- Children preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will participate in the parish's First Reconciliation retreat.
- Children who have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and are preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist will participate in the Confirmation/First Holy Eucharist retreat.
- All children preparing to receive a sacrament must pass an interview according to the standards at St. Joan of Arc, demonstrating adequate formation in understanding and giving a free response to the grace of the sacraments, as explained in the Diocese of Phoenix documents "Grace, Mercy and the Sacrament of First Confession" and "Gift from On High."
- The Sacraments of Initiation and First Penance will be received at St. Joan of Arc parish.

Curriculum

- Parents have the option of receiving one "A Family of Faith" Parent guide and one "A Family of Faith" Activity book for each child (eighth grade and younger) who is registered. Please let the Coordinator of Religious Education know if you would *not* like this option.
- Families are encouraged to purchase the Faith and Life textbooks and Parish catechist guide from which to teach the children. If a different curriculum is going to be used, please speak with the Coordinator of Religious Education. Following the diocesan policy, materials must be on the approved list provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Additionally the home program and text(s) must be approved by the Coordinator of Religious Education.
- Home school programs will follow the "Religious Curriculum Standards" document posted on the Diocese of Phoenix website.
- Parents of children preparing for sacraments are responsible for assuring that children receive and are formed in the guidance and essential teachings presented in the Diocesan policy and guidelines documents for the Sacraments.
 - For the Sacrament of First Confession (year one) please refer to the document on the diocesan website called "Grace, Mercy and the Sacrament of First Confession."
 - For the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist (year two) please refer to "Gift from on High."