

Frequently Asked Questions

Where does tuition money go? It costs our parish an average of **\$489 to educate each child** in our programs. Your tuition and stewardship help provide catechist/teacher training/support/appreciation, activity materials, textbooks, DVD's, guest speakers, field trips, special programs and professional full-time and part-time staff as well as heat/air conditioning, lights, and maintenance of our buildings.

Do I have to pay tuition if I teach or help in the office? *Teachers and Office Aides receive free tuition for one student and the fee may be deducted from your initial payment.*

What if we cannot pay the tuition all at once or simply cannot afford the tuition? If your family cannot pay the tuition all at once or if you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the Faith Formation Department (763) 425-2210, ext. 409, for a payment plan/waiver request form. *This needs to be taken care of at the time of registration. **Even if unsure about financial situation, please register by August 29, 2014.***

What does Early-Bird Payment mean? If your registration is **post-marked by August 15**, the early-bird fee for registered parishioners is \$120 per student or a maximum of \$260 per family. If your registration is **post-marked August 16 or later**, the tuition fee for registered parishioners becomes \$145 per student or a maximum of \$285 per family. **Note: The Sunday Preschool Program (Ages 3, 4, and 5-year olds/Kindergarten) is \$65 per child if postmarked by August 15. After that it is \$75.** All fees for non-parishioners are doubled. **Please note there is a late fee after August 29, 2013.**

Are students allowed to request a teacher? **Yes.** We will try to honor teacher requests if the teacher volunteers again or if you teach your child's grade level, and if your registration is post-marked on or before August 15, 2014.

Are students permitted to request a class with another student? We are **not** able to honor student placement requests. It is too difficult since we register almost **1,000** students.

Are carpooling requests honored? **No.** Carpools are the responsibility of the families involved. Make sure you sign up for the same night and time and return your registration forms early.

If my child attends a Catholic school, does he/she need to be enrolled in Faith Formation? If your child is enrolled in a Catholic School, he/she only needs to be enrolled in Faith Formation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in levels 9 and 10, **for which full tuition is applicable.** **Note: There is a \$50 fee for First Eucharist and Reconciliation for those not registered in Faith Formation or St. Vincent de Paul School.**

At what levels are the sacraments celebrated?

Level 2 (or older) – Reconciliation and Eucharist
Levels 9 and 10 – Confirmation (Two-year program)

What if my child misses a year or more? Completion of each level is **expected** before moving to the next level. If a student misses a level he/she will automatically be placed in that level.

Tentative Start Dates:

Preschool/Kindergarten: Sept 28
Levels 1 – 6: Sept 23/24
Levels 7 – 10: Sept 28
Discover: Sept 23 or 24 (Elementary level)
Discover : Sept 28 (Jr/Sr High level)

Can we teach lessons at home? Home Study is highly discouraged for elementary-age students and not available at the Jr/Sr high school level.

How will I know my child is in the session requested? Letters will be sent to you the week prior to the start of classes. Classes cannot start if we do not have enough catechists/teachers. Please consider volunteering.