

Saint Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

The Oldest Catholic Parish in the Southeastern United States

Established August 14, 1789

Dear Parents,

Summer is almost over and we at Saint Mary's are looking forward to another exciting year with our children in Faith Formation Classes. We will follow all guidelines set forth by the Diocese for in-person classes. This includes participants signing a COVID-19 waiver. A full explanation of all COVID-19 procedures will be sent to registered families.

Classes will begin Sunday, September 13, and meet from 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. We will offer both an in person and online opportunity for catechesis. Regardless of the chaos we are experiencing, we are still called to live our Faith and must lead our children to know and love God. Please understand that although the established plan may change, the importance of catechesis remains a priority and we as Catholic parents and guardians have a commitment to passionately share our understanding of the Roman Catholic Faith with our children.

All catechists, assistants and children are required to wear masks while on campus. The children will be required to use hand sanitizer on entry and exit from the classroom. Help us out by having your child use the bathroom before they come to FF. These are unprecedented times and we must all work together with empathy and a steadfast spirit to assure that our children are safely catechized.

Sacramental policy reminder: Children preparing for First Holy Communion or Confirmation must attend, at the very minimum, TWO FULL YEARS of Faith Formation classes if they are not in our Catholic School system. *This means a child who is to receive First Holy Communion in 2nd grade must have already completed the 1st grade class before moving on to the 2nd grade and the reception of the Sacrament. Similarly, a child preparing for Confirmation must have completed 6th/7th grade class before moving on to the 7th/8th grade class and the reception of Confirmation.*

Teaching Touching Safety: Every parish in the Diocese of Charleston is required to offer a "Teaching Touching Safety" class each year to all children registered in faith formation. As a parent/guardian, you have the right to choose whether your child participates in the TTS program. Information of this program can be found at tncrrg.virtus.org/touchingsafety/charleston.cfm.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at 843.270.5080 or by e-mail at formation@sma.church. Thank you.

God bless,

Peggy Bachofner
89 Hasell Street
Charleston, SC 29401

**DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON
COVID-19 ASSUMPTION OF RISK,
WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

ADULT PARTICIPANT/PARENT NAME _____ (Please Print)

CHILD PARTICIPANT(S) NAME(S) _____ (Please Print)

IN CONSIDERATION of the above named Participant and/or my children listed above being permitted to utilize the facilities, equipment, services and/or programs (collectively, "Facilities") of the Catholic Diocese of Charleston and/or a parish or school of said Diocese and their respective directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents (collectively referred to as the "Diocese"), the above named Participant for him/herself and for the child participant(s) listed above (each a "Child Participant"), acknowledges and agrees to the terms of this agreement.

The undersigned acknowledges that novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") infections have been confirmed throughout the United States, including cases in South Carolina. In accordance with the most recent guidance and protocols issued by the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) for slowing the transmission of COVID-19, the undersigned hereby agrees, represents and warrants that neither the undersigned nor the Child Participant shall visit or utilize the Facilities of the Diocese within 14 days of: (i) experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, including but not limited to fever, cough or shortness of breath; (ii) having a suspected or diagnosed/confirmed case of COVID-19; or (iii) having been in close proximity to a person with a diagnosed/confirmed case of COVID-19.

The Diocese has taken certain steps to implement recommended guidance and protocols issued by the public health agencies for slowing the transmission of COVID-19, including, without limitation, the access/use restrictions set forth above. The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that, due to the nature of the Facilities offered by the Diocese, social distancing of 6 feet per person or certain other measures may not be possible at all times. The undersigned fully understands and appreciates both the known and potential dangers of utilizing the Facilities of the Diocese and acknowledges that the use thereof by the undersigned and/or the Child Participant may, despite the Diocese's reasonable efforts to mitigate such dangers, result in exposure to COVID-19, which could result in quarantine requirements, serious illness, disability and/or death.

IN FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF BEING PERMITTED TO USE THE DIOCESE'S FACILITIES, THE UNDERSIGNED, ON HIS/HER BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF THE CHILD PARTICIPANT, HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES, HOLDS HARMLESS AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE THE DIOCESE, its directors, officers, employees, volunteers and agents from all liability to the undersigned or the Child Participant and the personal representatives and heirs and assigns of the undersigned or the Child Participant for any loss or damage, and any claim or demands on account of any injury to, or an illness or the death of, the undersigned or the Child Participant (or any person who may contract COVID-19, directly or indirectly, from the undersigned or the Child Participant) whether caused by the negligence, active or passive, of the Diocese or otherwise while the undersigned or the Child Participant are using the Facilities.

THE UNDERSIGNED further expressly agrees that the foregoing ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of South Carolina and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall continue in full legal force and effect.

Signing on behalf of the undersigned and any Child Participant listed at the beginning of this Agreement

Signature

Date

Print Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Saint Mary of the Annunciation School of Faith Formation Grades K4-8 Registration Form 2020-2021

Please PRINT legibly

Family Name _____ Registered at St. Mary's Envelope # _____

Mailing address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Father's Name _____ Religion _____

Father's E-mail _____ Contact Phone # _____

Mother's Name _____ Religion _____

Mother's E-mail _____ Contact Phone # _____

Is a custody order in place Yes/ No If so, who has custody? _____

I give permission for my child/children to be photographed and understand that the photograph may be used in publications Yes, I give permission No, I do not give permission

Sacraments Received (*please check*)

| | Child's Full Name and Nickname | M/F | Grade | Bapt. | Recon. | 1 st Com. |
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| 1 | | | | | | |
| | <i>Allergies or special issues</i> | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | |
| | <i>Allergies or special issues</i> | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | |
| | <i>Allergies or special issues</i> | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | |
| | <i>Allergies or special issues</i> | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | |
| | <i>Allergies or special issues</i> | | | | | |

Fees: (Please make checks payable to Saint Mary's)

\$50.00 per child

- 1 child
- 2 children
- 3 children
- 4 or more*

*For 4 or more children the fee is \$200.00 per family

TOTAL \$ _____

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| Office use only: Fees paid: \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ |
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Family Commitment Covenant 2020-2021

Submit one form per child

I/We, the _____ family understand that by registering our child in Saint Mary's Faith Formation program we commit to the following.

- I/We understand that parents are the first teachers of my/our children in the ways of faith and morals.
- I/We have fully read and agree to abide by all the policies stated in the Faith Formation handbook.
- Along with my/our entire family, I/we will attend Mass each Sunday and every Holy Day.
- I/We promise to be (a) good steward(s) of this parish by joyfully sharing my/ our God-given gifts of time/talent/treasure.
- I/We promise to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation together as a family at least once a year (for those who are in full communion with the Church).
- As a practicing Catholic, I/we promise to provide a home atmosphere that promotes prayer and Christian love.
- I/We will take an active role in my/our child's Faith Formation by participating in the take home parent components and attending all required Family Formation Meetings and Retreats

Signatures:

Child _____

Parent(s) _____

Date _____

Class _____

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TO: Parents
FROM: Saint Mary of the Annunciation
SUBJECT: Prevention Education Notice / Opt-Out Form
Date: September 13, 2020

Saint Mary of the Annunciation will present a sexual abuse prevention program, Teaching Touching Safety, to our students on October 18, 2020, with a make-up date of January 10, 2021. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Charleston and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain safe environments for all children and youth in our care.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all students at Saint Mary of the Annunciation. **As parents, you have the right to choose whether your student participates in the program.** We encourage you to read the “overview” and “lesson plan” assigned to your child’s age group to understand exactly what your child will be taught.

It is important to note, this is basic prevention education and is in no way to be considered sex education or education on private body parts. Neither of these components fall within our educational mandate to provide your child with the information needed to keep them safe from those who would do them harm.

If you wish to “opt” your child out of the prevention education session, please complete the “opt-out” form at the bottom of this page and return it to your child’s teacher no later than October 4, 2020.

Opt-out form for use with the Teaching Touching Safety Program:

Saint Mary of the Annunciation does not have my permission to present the Teaching Touching Safety program, to my child/children:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Parent’s Name (printed) _____

Parent’s Signature _____

Date: _____

**Prevention Education Notice/Opt-Out Form
For Home Schooling**

To: Saint Mary of the Annunciation

I, _____, verify that I have taught my child/children,
(Parent/Guardian's Name)

_____, _____, _____, _____
(Child's Name) (Child's Name) (Child's Name) (Child's Name)

the prevention education course, Lesson 4: Secrets, Surprises and Promises.

OR:

I, _____, opt out from teaching my child/children
(Parent/Guardian's Name)

_____, _____, _____, _____
(Child's Name) (Child's Name) (Child's Name) (Child's Name)

the prevention education course, Lesson 4: Secrets, Surprises and Promises.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Faith Formation Calendar 2020-2021

September

- 13 Class
- 20 Class
- 27 Class (First Holy Communion)

October

- 4 Class
- 11 Class
- 18 Class (Touching Safety)
- 25 Class

November

- 1 Class
- 8 Class
- 15 Class
- 22 Class
- 29 NO CLASS (Fall Break)

December

- 6 Class
- 13 Class (and Practice Gift to Parish)
- 20 Class (and Practice Gift to Parish)
- 27 NO CLASS (Christmas Break)

January

- 3 Class
- 10 Class (Touching Safety)
- 17 Class
- 24 Class
- 31 Class

February

- 7 Class
- 14 Class
- 21 class
- 28 Class

March

- 7 Class
- 14 Class
- 21 Class
- 28 Class

April

- 2 Good Friday
(noon Live Stations of the Cross)
- 4 NO CLASS (Easter Sunday)
- 11 Class
- 18 Class
- 25 Class

May

- 2 Class
- 9 Class
- 16 Class
- 23 Class (End of the Year Party)