

Dear Parents:

Thank you very much for your interest and investment in your family's religious education! Your enthusiastic participation in the religious education programs offered at St. Mary Magdalen Parish make them a great success!

### **Religious Education Programs Offered 2019-2020:**

#### **1. Traditional PREP**

After School/Wednesdays/Weekly • 4 to 5:30 PM (Levels 1-5) Traditional PREP Levels 1--5

#### **2. Family Catechesis**

1st Sunday/Monthly • 9:30 AM to Noon (Levels 1-5)

#### **3. Confirmation PREP (Required for Levels 6/7)**

1st & 3rd Sunday/Bimonthly • 10:30 AM to Noon

In the 2019-2020 school year, we will continue the Family Catechesis program and the traditional Wednesday afternoon PREP classes. The change for the coming year centers around the sixth and seventh graders. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia directs us to administer the sacrament of Confirmation to students in the seventh grade who have completed the required two-year curriculum. In order to facilitate compliance with this directive from the Archdiocese, St. Mary Magdalen Religious Education will offer a third program for sixth and seventh grade students.

Sixth and seventh grade students will attend classes immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on the first and third Sundays of each month. **Sixth graders will no longer attend the traditional Wednesday PREP classes; they will only attend the first and third Sunday classes. Seventh grade students will also attend these classes on the first and third Sundays of each month (October through May).** Dismissal from these classes will be at 12:00 noon.

Per Monsignor Chieffo, all classes in the religious education programs (Wednesdays and Sundays) will be held in the school building. Family Catechesis will assemble in the school cafeteria, with the children then being dismissed to a classroom with their catechists. Sixth and seventh graders will proceed directly to the classrooms in the school for their instructions following the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Registration and payment for all religious education programs will be completely on line for the 2019-2020 year. The registration form will be live on the parish website by June 1, 2019. The handbook is in the process of being updated to reflect current programs and information. Please visit [stmarymagdalen.net/prep](http://stmarymagdalen.net/prep) to register your children for religious education classes for next year.

An important request: please provide an email address that you check daily; email is the primary form of communication that the Religious Education Office uses throughout the year. Often information about school closure due to inclement weather may happen during the school day; it is important that you receive this information via the email address that you provide on the registration form. Thank you.

Please consider sharing your faith with the students as a catechist for any (or all) of the religious education programs. Children learn to live their faith best when led by example. I hope that many of you are called to offer your time and talent in this way by imitating our Blessed Mother and saying, "yes!" to God.

As always, if you have questions or need further information, please contact me.

Gratefully,

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