

**St. John the Evangelist - Religious Education Homeschool Family Registration Form** Registration Year: 2024-2025  
271 Winchester St. Warrenton, VA 20186 Phone: 540-347-2922 ext. 209

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Last Name Registered with Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Env. or Parish Giving # **You Are Using:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dad Cell/Work: # \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mom Cell/Work: # \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Marital Status: Single \_\_\_ Married \_\_\_  
Separated \_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_

Mother's Maiden: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Religion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Custodial Parent, if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact & relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: If any of your children have NOT been baptized, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. A copy of your child's baptismal Certificate must accompany this paperwork.**

Child	Age	Birth Date	Sex	Grade in 2024-25	Grade/Session in 2023-24 or last RE attended
_____	____	____/____/____	____	_____	____/____
<b>Sacrament, Date and Parish</b>	Baptism	Catholic?	Eucharist	Penance	Confirmation
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Received: \_\_\_\_\_

School Child Attends: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: (e.g. medical, learning disabilities, physical disabilities): \_\_\_\_\_

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For Office Use Only:

Previous Balance: \$ _____	Tuition Pd: \$ _____	Check # _____	Date Paid: ____/____/____	Date RE Registration form Received by RE Office: ____/____/____
New Tuition due: \$ _____	Tuition Pd: \$ _____	Check # _____	Date Paid: ____/____/____	Paid In Full? _____
Total Tuition due: \$ _____	Tuition Pd: \$ _____	Check # _____	Date Paid: ____/____/____	Date Form Revised: 4/23/24



**IMPORTANT!!! Please read the Bulletin throughout the year for important info and dates for Sacramental Prep and Milestones. Visit our website at [www.sje1.org](http://www.sje1.org) for all Religious Ed policies and info needed during the year.**

- Your family **must be registered** with St. John the Evangelist Parish to attend Religious Education classes.
- Please fill out these **entire forms** (fronts/back) and **ensure that all info is correct - especially contact info, emails, and phone numbers!** The Parish Bulletin, website and email are the primary mode of communication for RE. **Return all to register.**
- **All Registrations are to be received by September 15.** This also provides the RE Office with a list of those students in Sacramental prep. Confirmation Packets also go out this week.
- **St. John's Sacramental Fees: for those receiving:**
  - Please add **\$30** Sacramental Fee for **each 2<sup>nd</sup> year First Communion Prep** (*traditionally in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade*).
  - Please add **\$90** Sacramental Fee for **each 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation Prep** (*traditionally in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade*).
- Make **checks** payable to **St. John's** or use the **PayPal link on the parish website.** Payment Plans are available – please call the RE office for info.
- Mail these **fully completed** forms to: St. John the Evangelist RE, 271 Winchester Street, Warrenton, VA 20186.
- NOTE: If any of your children were baptized outside of this parish, and you **have not** already supplied us with a copy of each child's **baptismal record, you will need to supply a copy for our files.**
- Please read the attached guidelines.
- All are invited to register to attend In-Class instruction if desired.

As we are tasked to include Home Schooled families in our annual Census to the Diocese, please list which Faith formation curriculum do you use for your children? \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Insurance Information (when on St. John's Campus for retreats, etc.):**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: I, \_\_\_\_\_, in consideration of the benefits derived, and in view of the fact that St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is a religious institution, membership in which is voluntary, I hereby agree to the participation of my child (children) in the activity of religious education classes.

In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby grant permission for my son (s) and/or daughter (s) to be evaluated, diagnosed, treated and or medicated in accordance with the standard medical practice by licensed medical personnel. If a medical emergency occurs with my child, I grant permission to a St. John the Evangelist leader to ensure emergency medical treatment for my child (children) if I cannot be contacted. I relieve St. John the Evangelist Parish, its agents and the Diocese of Arlington of all responsibility and consequences that may arise as a result of the emergency treatment or administration of minor medications. Furthermore, I agree to accept all responsibility as a result of scheduling such treatment.

My child/children agree(s) to abide by all the rules and regulations. I understand that St. John the Evangelist Parish, its agents, and the Diocese of Arlington will not be held liable if my child fails to cooperate with the rule and safety measures.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Expectations for Religious Ed Families:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name of parent), agree to the procedures and expectations listed in the "Expectations for Religious Ed Families" in order for my child(ren) to participate in the St. John's Religious Education Homeschool Students.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **Religious Education (RE) Expectations for Home-schooled Students or Students Attending Catholic Schools**

Dear Parents,

As with those families attending RE classes, our parish requires that all homeschool families register with the Religious Education Office in accordance with Arlington Diocese guidelines. Registering helps us contact families as we support and partner with you especially with sacramental preparation and continuing education beyond the sacramental years. To aid us with this purpose, we request that your Registration be completed by September 1 – Thank you!

**Outside the Sacramental Years: If a family wishes to homeschool their children outside the sacramental preparation years, the parents must ensure that the curriculum and texts are identical or equivalent to those in use by the parish religious education program.**

**If a family chooses to homeschool their children in the non-sacramental years, the family must still register the student with the Religious Education Office so that we can be assured that religious instruction is occurring outside the “sacramental years.”**

**During the Sacramental Years, all students of the parish are subject to the same and specific prerequisites, whether the students are attending public or private schools or are being homeschooled.**

**Parents of children in Sacramental preparation for First Penance and First Communion should attend all parent meetings pertaining to the sacrament. Their children are required to attend a First Penance retreat and a First Holy Communion retreat, and practices as well as any specific Sacramental preparation requirements for that year.**

**Confirmation Prep begins in 6th grade. Confirmation Packets are given out at the “Student & Parent” meeting usually in early September of the 7th grade year. Please read the entire packet and turn in completed first four pages as soon as possible. Please pay attention to deadlines and turn requirements in on time to ensure that the process is a smooth one.**

**Parents of Children preparing for Confirmation should register and remain in contact with the Religious Education office for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade years. The home-schooled students will have the same sacramental preparation requirements (i.e. service hours, spiritual exercises, etc.) as the Catholic school students and the students in the religious education classes. Parents should attend any parent meetings regarding the sacrament. Confirmation candidates in the diocese are required to attend a Confirmation retreat and practice.**

**When it comes time for students to receive their sacraments, all recipients are comingled in the congregation. St. John the Evangelist is one community, one parish and one family therefore RE in-class students sit alongside Catholic school students and Homeschooled families.**

## **Please note:**

- All students in grades 1-12 are expected to be catechized and should be registered each year with Religious Education including those that are home-schooled or attend Catholic Schools. Registration deadline is before October 1<sup>st</sup> for this school year!
- The RE definition of Catholic home-schooled students are those being home-schooled in **all** academic subjects by their parents, not just religion.
- Home-schooling families are encouraged and welcomed to participate in our Religious Education classes. This can be a wonderful opportunity to foster a sense of community within the parish and interact with

other Catholic children in a controlled and caring environment. Of course, we would enjoy having parents join our volunteer team of Catechists as well.

- **Why register? Registration with the RE Office is required by the diocese for all homeschooling families and it allows the parish and diocese to help support you as you grow your children in the faith and help them to receive their sacraments. The bishop is responsible for all souls in his diocese and this information allows him to know how many people are choosing homeschooling as their main means of religious education. By registering, the parish can ensure that their sacramental records are updated correctly and in a timely matter. This information is also reported to the Diocese which helps the Bishop develop programs and better care for his flock.**
- “As the Chief Catechist in the Diocese, the Bishop is responsible for the total catechetical mission of the local Church. Catechesis is one of the Fundamental tasks of the Bishop’s ministry. First of all, the Bishop is a catechist himself; he is a “herald of truth” (National Directory of Catechesis 54, Ch.8, p. 218)
- Sacraments are actions of the whole Church and not private devotions (CCC 116). Accordingly, it is the responsibility of the Pastor, in accord with the norms established by the bishop, to provide for the catechesis of all the faithful and to ensure that each Catholic is properly prepared for the reception of the Sacraments. (CCC 773-776)
- Sacramental preparation in our parish is two years for First Holy Communion (generally 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) Confirmation is a three-year preparation in our parish (generally 6, 7 and 8). Students must be registered with the RE office during sacramental preparation years in order to receive their sacraments in a timely manner.
- It is the canonical responsibility of the Pastor to determine that all students have been properly prepared for the reception of the Sacraments. Even though Canon Law states the minimal requirements for the reception of the Sacraments, it also provides that pastors are to ensure “suitable preparation” which may take many forms.
- Although parents are the primary educators of their children, they are not the only educators of their children. Since the reception of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation are Sacraments of Initiation, they are ecclesial or parish events rather than only personal or private events. For this reason, they involve the parish in preparing children for these important sacraments. The parish program, therefore, is an important complement to religious education by the parents in the “sacramental years.” It begins to insert a child organically into the life of the Church beyond the family or “domestic church” (Catechesi Tradendae 37).
- As Saint John Paul II stated, “It is true that catechesis can be given anywhere, but I wish to stress, in accordance with the desire of very many Bishops, that the parish community must continue to be the prime mover and preeminent place for catechesis... Family catechesis, therefore, precedes, accompanies and enriches all other forms of catechesis” (John Paul II Catechesi Tradendae 67).
- The texts in use in our curriculum have been approved by the Diocesan Office of Catechetics and carry the Imprimatur of the Church as well as the certification that they are in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
- The Arlington diocese has published grade level curriculum guidelines. The material you cover in your homeschool should meet or exceed the diocese grade level requirements. The link to the guidelines can be found here <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Catechetics/Catechetical-Resources/Office-of-Faith-Formation-Policies-and-Guidelines-14-Dec-2020.pdf>

As with other parishes in our diocese, our goals, in addition to educating children in the faith, are to support families in their journey towards sanctification and salvation, build a community of support amongst parishioners, encourage an attitude of service, and develop a missionary spirit that, emboldened by the Holy Spirit, will help us go forth and spread the Good News.

Let us pray for Christ's blessings on our Catechetical efforts. May God Bless you and your families as you strive to imitate the Holy Family at home or in class.