

Saint Philip Neri Religious Education Program
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Dear Family,

At St. Philip Neri PREP, we are committed to the religious education of our children as taught by Jesus Christ. Our goal is to assist you as your child's first teacher, to nourish the faith already instilled through baptism, family life and Mass attendance. We never expected to live this mission so fully as we did this past Spring with the pandemic and Stay-at-Home Orders.

Because of the uncertainty of the planning process and the evolving Coronavirus guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, St. Philip Neri PREP will be opening with At-Home Lessons for the first semester of PREP. We will re-evaluate in the late Fall for the Spring Semester.

Parents will continue to have the option of registering for the traditional classroom model. Children will be assigned to a classroom, and weekly lessons will be sent home via email, Zoom sessions, etc. Electronic copies and physical copies of the textbooks will be available. When we return to the classroom, we will be as "normal" as is possible: PREP will meet once a week, September through May, Monday or Tuesday afternoons, from 4:15-5:30 PM, for levels one through 6. If Sague is able to provide transportation, students attending Whitemarsh, Ridge Park, and Colonial Elementary Schools will have the option to ride the bus. Confirmation PREP will meet on scheduled Sundays as soon as we are cleared.

Parents also have the option to register as a traditional home-schooling family. Parents will sign a homeschooling contract with the DRE, receive textbooks, and also be given guidance for "Family Catechesis" to make it easier for parents to work with varying ages at one time.

A registration form is attached. Please include a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if your child is a new registration. If your child is entering St. Philip Neri PREP from another religious education program, please provide a copy of the permanent record card. Fees for PREP are \$225 for one child and \$300 for two or more children. Forms and payment may be mailed to the address above or dropped at the Church Office. Checks should be payable to Saint Philip Neri Church.

We are always in need of volunteers to teach and assist in other areas. Parents who volunteer in the classroom for the entire year may qualify to waive PREP fees. If you would like to volunteer, or would like more information, please contact me as soon as possible so we can be ready in September.

I thank those who have given generously of their time, talent, and resources. Parents are their children's first teachers and we are honored to assist you in raising your children in our Catholic faith.

Your friend in Christ,
Sharon Otto
Director of Religious Education

Please return:

- ☐ Registration Form **[both sides]**
- ☐ Payment ~ \$225 for 1 child or \$300 for 2 or more children