

St Anthony PRE guidelines 2020-21

All parents and/or guardians to receive a copy of these guidelines at registration and will be available on the St Anthony website or upon request. Parents are considered to have read and agreed to these guidelines when registering their children for St Anthony's religious education programs

Registration

Registration is critical to plan adequate space and Catechists to properly educate each child, to ensure the parish is collecting the appropriate fees, required to identify students needing one or more sacraments, and to ensure the student receives the proper credit for attendance. **Students registering after classes begin in September may not be eligible to receive a sacrament that year.** Students not registered are not considered "in attendance." (see Attendance, below) Students moving from another town will be accepted on a case by case basis. Registrations are accepted at the office. **St Anthony's religious educational programs are only available to registered families of St Anthony's parish.**

Payment

Prompt payment ensures the parish can continue the work of assisting parents in the vital work of educating young ones. **A required minimum payment of \$40 must be made at registration** with a second payment by the end of October. Payment arrangements can be made if needed. Special circumstances will be reviewed. No one will be excluded from religious education due to financial hardship.

Attendance

Students are encouraged to attend all classes and participate to the extent possible. Occasionally students are unable to attend class due to illness or other reasons. Students will be considered "dropped" from class after the 5th absence. Parents can choose to educate the student at home with support from the parish after this point, or can request to be readmitted into the program by writing, subject to approval by the DRE and/or Pastor. **Students of First Communion and Confirmation must show a pattern of regular mass attendance and turn in a bulletin signed by the Priest at mass to the DRE or the office with student's name and parent's name and phone number.**

Class size and availability

Class sizes will be limited per Diocesan regulations to twenty-five (25) students maximum to comply with safety and educational requirements. **Classes are not guaranteed and will be closed when filled.** Classes may not be offered or withdrawn at any time due to unavailability of Catechists, adequate seating, or other factors.

First Communion requirements

Students preparing for the sacrament of Holy Communion require completion of **TWO YEARS** of study as well as attendance at the First Communion retreat and have made **first their First Reconciliation (confession) to be considered prepared to receive the sacrament**, Students entering St Anthony's religious education program from another parish will need to have a letter or other paperwork demonstrating previous attendance from their previous parish or must complete two years at St Anthony's in order to be considered prepared to receive the sacrament. **Students must show a pattern of regular mass attendance and turn in a bulletin signed by the Priest at mass to the DRE or the office with student's name and parent's name and phone number.**

8th Grade Confirmation year one requirements

Students preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation must complete **TWO YEARS** of study, attend all required retreats provided by the parish, and be **spiritually ready to receive the sacrament**. 8th grade students will have class on Sunday afternoons starting September 13 and will follow the PRE calendar. Only 8th grade students are allowed in the 8th grade year one confirmation class. Registration, payment, and attendance guidelines apply as listed above. **Students must show a pattern of regular mass attendance and turn in a bulletin signed by the Priest at mass to the DRE or the office with student's name and parent's name and phone number.**

Parent meetings

Parents also need spiritual nurturing in order to fulfill their God-given assignment as the primary teachers of their children. Parent classes in English will be offered once a month on Sunday mornings when students are with Catechists. **Confirmation student parents are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.** Classes in English and Spanish for parents are offered at no cost, books considered may be offered for a slight charge.

Photos

Pictures taken by parish staff are considered available to use on the parish website and other social media and material unless permission is withdrawn via written or electronic communication.

*Guidelines have been approved by Monsignor and the DRE and are subject to modification.
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