

Holy Cross Parish
Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.)
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we look forward to another PREP year we would like to thank you for considering Holy Cross for your family! Our children learn and experience the Catholic faith through the message of Jesus Christ with our PREP program.

We welcome our new parents and students to our PREP program! We hope you will be with us for the coming PREP year and beyond. To those of you, who have been around for a while, thank you for your family participation!

Enclosed please find a registration form, please fill it out and return to the PREP office to ensure your early registration. If you have a new incoming PREP student please go to the website www.holycrosscatholics.org to download the *New Student Registration form*. PLEASE do your best to register early or by August 15. This allows us to order materials and prepare classroom lists in a timely fashion. As an incentive, we offer a tuition discount for early registration! Likewise, because of the additional work and higher shipping costs for materials required to accommodate late registrations, there is a surcharge for registering after August 15.

PREP is on Mondays from 4:30pm-5:45pm. Please consider being a catechist, aide, or a hall monitor. If you are interested, please contact Kelly Meliti at PREPHolyCross@gmail.com

If you are enrolled in Camp Caritas we will be in touch with you regarding the requirements for the PREP year and Confirmation

The lessons we teach your children in the classroom are meaningless if they are not supported and lived at home in the family. It is important for our families to model their Catholic faith by regular Mass attendance on Sundays and Holy Days, participation in the community life of the parish, and financial support of the parish. We know that in today's world, families are pulled in every direction with activities and events, but it is important to make time for the Lord as well. It shows your children that what they learn in PREP is real and matters.

Our religious education program is subsidized in part by the parish and the generosity of our parishioners. Our tuition and fees do not cover all of our expenses. While the cost of everything continues to be skyrocketing, we are happy to announce that we are able to keep our base PREP tuition rate for next year the same as it is this year.

Tuition rates and guidelines for the 2023-2024 PREP year for supporting parish families are as follows:

| | One Child | Two or More Children |
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| Base Tuition Rate (Registered and Paid by August 15) | \$250 | \$325 |
| Early Registration Rate (Registered and Paid by May 31) | \$225 | \$300 |
| Late Registration Rate (If registering after August 15) | \$300 | \$350 |

A supporting parish family is one who attends Sunday Mass regularly and makes an effort to support the parish financially. We recommend a donation of \$20 per week in the Sunday collection. Sunday collection donations help us keep the lights and heat on and pay our staff salaries, among all our other day-to-day expenses. For families that are not coming to Mass or supporting the parish regularly, we reserve the right to impose an additional \$100 fee for PREP.

No family will be denied the opportunity to send their children to religious education for financial reasons. Please contact us to discuss any financial concerns so we can work with you.

We look forward to another great year next year, and we thank you again for seeing to the religious formation of your children!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Steven W. Kiernan, Pastor

Kelly Meliti, Director of Religious Education