

## 2026-2027 PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

*“The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ: only He can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity.” ~ St. John Paul II*

If you wish to have your children growing up ***Knowing, Loving, and Serving the Lord***, **REGISTER THEM** in our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). **Registration is NOW OPEN.**

Our Religious Education Program is open to children in grades 1st – 8th, who have been Baptized Catholic; are registered parishioners of the Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena, or St. Francis of Assisi Church, Allentown; attend either public school, a private non-Catholic school, or are not Home-Schooled in all subjects. Weekly PREP class sessions are held at the Cathedral on Sundays, from 9:45 AM to 11:15 AM, early-September through mid-May.

Students who attend our religion program **are expected to attend each year consecutively starting with our 1<sup>st</sup> level class through the 8<sup>th</sup> level class.**

Our curriculum, the “*Faith & Life*” series, published by Ignatius Press, integrates within each lesson Scripture passages, Church doctrine, Church traditions, along with excerpts from the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

### **The Sacraments**

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** are received during your child’s **3rd consecutive level** of attendance in formal religion education classes. Preparation for these sacraments begins in the 2<sup>nd</sup> level class.

**Confirmation** is received **during the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive level** of their formal faith formation. Preparation for this sacrament begins in the 7<sup>th</sup> level class. Supplemental sacrament curriculums are added to these grade levels.

Registration forms may be downloaded from our website or picked up at **the Cathedral Parish Religious Education Office**, located in the St. John Vianney Regional Middle School building across from the Walson Center on N. 18<sup>th</sup> St., first floor, Room 1.

**If your child is new to our program**, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Donna Sciacca, to schedule an appointment to register, Tues-Thurs 10am – 1pm, call 610-432-7655 or send an email to: [prep@cathedral-church.org](mailto:prep@cathedral-church.org).

**All Registration forms are to be returned accompanied by the payment of the PREP materials fee listed at the top of the Registration form. And, if your child is new to our program, a copy of their Baptismal certificate.**

Cash or checks accepted.

Checks should be made payable to: Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena - PREP