

## Registrations for Returning Children, First Graders, and New Families

All registration forms are available on the Parish's Website beginning May 1. Please follow the directions carefully. (Religious Ed/Registration)

Are you a new Family to the Parish Program? If your child was baptized in a parish other than St. Margaret's Church, please provide a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate with the registration form.

The first grade parent meeting will be held on Sunday, September 9 at 8:30 AM in the Parish Hall.

FIRST GRADE CLASSES BEGIN THE  
WEEK OF OCT. 14!

### Prayer

In First Grade we introduce (and pray many times) the Sign of the Cross, The Lord's Prayer, and The Hail Mary. In Second Grade we add the Act of Contrition. We ask each family to practice these fundamental prayers with their children.

Please pray together as often as possible and encourage individual prayer in your home.

### Weather Issues

1. On Parish Website Banner  
([www.StMargaretBurlington.org](http://www.StMargaretBurlington.org))
2. Emails will be sent out to all Families.
3. Sessions are cancelled when Burlington Schools close.

Please remember all our Catechists are volunteers. If your child is not able to function as part of the group, we will ask you to accompany your child to class.

## Mass Participation

**We teach our sessions expecting that every child is attending Mass regularly.**

### Parish Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am; 10:00 am; and 12:00 pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Every Saturday from 2:30-4:00 pm Confession is available in the lower church.

### Catechists/Aides/Helpers/Substitutes

Parish volunteers are needed to assist at every session. All our teachers/Catechists are volunteers. Take a turn! Become a catechist in our program. We will support you with guidance and all the materials you need.

With our class format you do not need to teach your child's class or even grade.

Co-teaching is excellent.

Substitutes are needed.

Is teaching hard for you? We need office help every week.

Like to cut out and assemble? Help needed any time.

"Extra hand days" will be announced, so please do come.

### Our Prayer-

**Holy Spirit, send us people to teach our children.  
Lord, God, give us the creativity to inspire them.  
Jesus, help our catechists teach as you did.  
St. Margaret, pray for us. Amen.**

# Religious Education Program Policy Pamphlet

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*Please see the calendar available on-line at  
Religious Ed./Registration.*

## General Information

**Communication:** Email is our primary means of communication. Please advise us of any changes. The Parish Bulletin has up-to-date information weekly. Check the Parish Website for calendars, forms, etc.

**Registration:** Required each year. All forms are on-line at our website. Please register there.

**Fees:** Due with Registration.

\$100 for One Child

\$200 for Two Children

\$250 for Three or More Children

\$40 for Sacramental Year—Second Grade and Confirmation II

Scholarships available upon request. Money should never be a barrier to coming to Religious Education. Please call!

**Attendance:** Participation and attendance at all sessions is expected.

**Session Times:** You choose the time your child will attend. Be polite. Be prompt.

**Food:** Allergies are a major problem. There will be NO FOOD allowed in the classrooms. You will be contacted about workshops that may include the serving of food.

## Special Needs

Emmaus has been created to serve as a beginning program for children with different learning abilities who may have difficulty being in a traditional setting. Contact us for more information.

We will do everything we can to make Religious Education as positive an experience as possible. Help us by letting us know what your child may need.

## Sacramental Preparation

**Sacramental preparation is a two-year process.** In First and Second Grades, children prepare for **Reconciliation and Eucharist**. To receive these sacraments, children **MUST** be enrolled in **both** grade levels.

If coming to us as a Second Grader, please speak to the Director.

Likewise, preparation for **Confirmation is a two-year process**. This is usually done in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade but is available for anyone in High School.

A student attending a Catholic high school is not required to attend religious education classes in the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade; however, they must be registered (at no cost) to remain on our lists. They are expected to be part of the entire Confirmation II year.

## Materials

Every session will center on chapters from our primary texts:

The Bible

Sadlier, We Believe, for Grades 1-5

Pflaum, Visions, for Grades 6-8

St. Mary's Press, The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth, for Confirmation I

Dynamic Catholic, Decision Point, for Confirmation I & II

Supplemental materials will be used to enhance and expand the lessons.

## Meetings

**Please note Meeting Times for Grade One and Sacrament Preparation**

Confirmation II Candidate, Sponsor, & Parent Gathering:  
Sun., Sept. 9 at 6:00 pm in the Lower Church.

Confirmation I Candidate & Parent Gathering:  
Tues., Sept. 11 at 7:00 pm in the Lower Church.

Grade One Orientation: Sun., Sept. 9 at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall.

Sacrament Meeting for Reconciliation: Mon., Oct. 22 at 7:00 pm

Sacrament Meeting for First Communion: Mon., Feb. 11 at 7:00 pm

## Safety

**Pick up/Drop off of children:** Approach the Religious Education building from the Memorial School driveway. Drop off is at the top of the hill in front of the Upper Doors of the Religious Education building. Please note the NO PARKING areas. DO NOT COME UP THE HILL TO THE SCHOOL. THIS IS SO DANGEROUS! PLEASE INFORM ANYONE COMING TO PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN to come to the upper doors from the Memorial School driveway.

**Early Release:** A written note to the Catechist is absolutely necessary each time a child needs to be released early from a session.

## Emergency Policies

If your child is hurt or becomes ill...

We will phone your numbers in the following order – cell phone, home phone, and emergency number.

If the Religious Education building is compromised...

Children will be escorted to the lower Church. We will notify families as best we can and will keep the children safely together until you have arrived. Come to the Main Parking Lot of the Church.

If the entire property is compromised...

The children will be escorted to Memorial School. We will wait there until parents arrive.

**PLEASE CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY WITH ANY QUESTIONS, PROBLEMS, CONCERNS, LONG-TERM ILLNESSES, or FAMILY SITUATIONS THAT IMPACT CLASS ATTENDANCE.**