

Welcome to Religious Education at St. Philip the Apostle Church

What is St. Philip Religious Education about?

The Religious Education program is a parish and family based religious education program, geared to help young people in grades pre K-12, come to know Jesus Christ and begin to form a life-long relationship with Him. Through the sharing of personal faith stories, personal witness, the use of Church-approved catechetical materials, family involvement in sacramental preparation, craft activities, study of the traditions of the Church, and praise of God through prayer, song and Liturgy, our parish children receive a solid foundation in their faith development.

What class times are available for my child?

Sunday School is for children age three years old through Kindergarten age.

Parents have a choice of Sunday at 8:45AM, 10:30 AM, or 2:00 PM

Elementary Education is for students in 1st through 5th grade (ERE program)

Parents have a choice of Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday at 4:15 PM or Tuesday and Thursday 6:00 PM.

Junior High is for students in 6th through 8th grade (EDGE program)

Jr. High students meet on Wednesday night at 6:30 PM

Youth Group is for students in 9th through 12th grades (Life Teen program)

Youth group students meet on Wednesday night at 6:30 PM

Confirmation I and II is for students preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation I and II meet on Sundays at 3:30 PM or 7:00 PM

Is there a fee for enrolling my student? Yes, fee schedule is as follows:

Sunday School through Life Teen	Total	Registration Fees	Text/Materials	Retreat
One student	\$60	\$30	\$30 per student	N/A
Second student	\$110	\$20	\$30 per student	N/A
Third student	\$150	\$10	\$30 per student	N/A
Family four or more	\$150	\$0	\$0 per student	N/A
Confirmation I and II				
Per student	\$210	\$50	\$40	\$120

Please note:

- 1) To register a student we must receive payment of the registration fee – registration fees will not be refunded
- 2) We can set up a payment plan option for the remaining fees
- 3) For a second year sacramental student (Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation) we must receive a copy of their Baptismal Certificate at the time of registration
- 4) All catechists must fill out registration paperwork for their children – no children will be admitted to class without registration.

Is there a year-long calendar available for the program?

Yes; one can be picked up in the religious education office or at the Youth Center starting in August 2011. Calendars will also be sent home with students during the first two weeks of class. The calendar and/or other events will be posted in the glass case by classroom #1. Our holiday schedule follows that of Kern County Superintendent of Schools.

When do I find out which classroom my child will be in?

You will be given a postcard at the time of registration; this is your reminder about the first week of class and class assignments. We will also have classroom assignments posted the week before class outside the religious education office. We ask all parents to stop by to check the lists and verify their students' classes and rooms before the first week.

How important is regular attendance in religious education classes?

For any student who wishes to grow and mature in the spiritual life, attendance at all classes is desirable. **For those anticipating reception of sacraments, attendance is mandatory, except for illness or family emergencies. To attend means to be present for the entire class period; children who arrive late consistently or are taken out of class early can be disturbing to both catechists and students.** We believe the religious education of our parish youngsters is a high priority and we urge parents to see to it that their students are present each week for the entire class time, except in case of an emergency. *Sports and other after-school events are not considered emergencies.*

How do I find out about religious education events and activities?

In the summer months, information is communicated through pulpit announcements at Mass and the parish bulletin. Once classes have begun, information is given out by the catechists, published through bulletin and pulpit announcements. We ask that parents contact the catechists or RE office if they feel they are not receiving information regarding religious education events.

When will my student be allowed to receive sacraments for the first time?

The Diocese of Fresno and St. Philip the Apostle parish require two years of religious education before sacraments can be received. Sacraments are normally received in the spring of the second year of religious education, provided all requirements are met. A copy of the Parish Requirements for Sacramental Preparation follows:

REQUIREMENTS FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

If your student is baptized:

First-Year Classes:

These classes all fulfill the diocesan requirement of first-year religious education, prior to the second year, in which sacramental preparation can begin. ***Regular attendance and participation in class, as well as attendance at the weekly Celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy, are necessary to complete this first year.*** Late arrival for class, especially on a regular basis, and early withdrawal for any reason, are a distraction for catechists and students alike. If a student must be absent, it is the parent's responsibility to pick up class materials and see that appropriate lessons are completed and returned to the catechist. Inform the religious education office in the event of the student's absence so the catechist can prepare materials for you to use at home. Missed assignments can be picked up in the Religious Education office.

Second Year:

Upon completion of the first year of religious education, your student is eligible to begin preparation for Sacraments. The same attendance requirements apply for the second year of preparation. (see above first year requirements)

Preparation for Reconciliation begins in the fall of the student's second year, and the sacrament is usually received in early February.

Preparation for First Eucharist begins in February, and the sacrament is usually received in Late April. The students, depending on circumstances, will participate in either a ten-minute interview with a sacramental team member, or be checked for readiness by their catechist. Enrichment activities will take place either during class time, or at a time to be specified during the school year.

And, if reception of the Sacraments is desired, Parents of first and second year students must additionally attend mandatory parents meetings, retreat, and practice sessions marked on the calendar. Attendance at Sunday Mass is also required for parents and students in first and second year sacrament classes.

Poor attendance, lack of participation, incomplete assignments, parent non participation, and lack of attendance at the weekly Celebration of the Eucharist Liturgy could necessitate a repeat of the first year, if so designated by the catechist and/or Director of Religious Education (DRE).

Unbaptized students:

Student will attend the appropriate grade level classes in the first year. Second year students will participate with you in the monthly Family Catechumenate and attend Sunday dismissals, which will prepare him or her for the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, usually received at the Easter Vigil service. Attendance at the grade level class, Family Catechumenate sessions, and the weekly dismissals are necessary if reception of the sacraments is desired.

Questions, call # 833-2218 ext. 127 or 124

Fax number # 834-2214

Registration by mail, please send;

1. Completed registration form
2. Completed and signed Parent and Student policies form
3. Completed and signed Diocese of Fresno Consent form for medical emergency
4. Copy of Baptismal Certificate (no originals please)
5. Full payment amount – check or money order – made payable to St. Philip the Apostle Church

Mail To:

St. Philip the Apostle Church
7100 Stockdale Hwy.
Bakersfield, CA. 93309
Attn: Religious Education Dept.

**St. Philip the Apostle
Religious Education
Registration 2011 - 2012**

Returning family Policy Sheet Med.Con. Baptismal Info check Update Logos
 Registration date Total Fees Rec'd/Type Bal. Due Pmt. Plan Final Pmt. Entered Logos

Last Name (Family Name): Mailing Address: Zip Code: Home Phone:
 Male Adult in Home (name): Relationship to student: Religion: Cell Phone:
 Female Adult in Home (name): Relationship to student: Religion: Cell Phone:
 Male adult's Employer/occupation: Work Phone:
 Female adult's Employer/occupation: Work Phone:
 Local emergency Contact: Relationship to students i.e. Aunt, Friend: Phone:
 Parish you attend Family Email Address:

Program Entry	Day	Time	Rm	Program Entry	Day	Time	Rm	Program Entry	Day	Time	Rm
Sac	Sac	Rec'd	Fee	Sac	Sac	Rec'd	Fee	Sac	Sac	Rec'd	Fee
<i>First Student name</i>	<i>MI</i>	<i>Last</i>		<i>First Student name</i>	<i>MI</i>	<i>Last</i>		<i>First Student name</i>	<i>MI</i>	<i>Last</i>	
Gender: M	F	Birth Date: / /		Gender: M	F	Birth Date: / /		Gender: M	F	Birth Date: / /	
Public School attending				Public School attending				Public School attending			
Grade in public school 2011 - 2012				Grade in public school 2011 - 2012				Grade in public school 2011 - 2012			
<u>Sacraments received, has your student:</u>				<u>Sacraments received, has your student:</u>				<u>Sacraments received, has your student:</u>			
Been baptized Catholic? <input type="checkbox"/>	N	Y	year rec'd	Been baptized Catholic? <input type="checkbox"/>	N	Y	year rec'd	Been baptized Catholic? <input type="checkbox"/>	N	Y	year rec'd
Received Reconciliation? <input type="checkbox"/>	N	Y	year rec'd	Received Reconciliation? <input type="checkbox"/>	N	Y	year rec'd	Received Reconciliation? <input type="checkbox"/>	N	Y	year rec'd
Received First Communion? <input type="checkbox"/>	N	Y	year rec'd	Received First Communion? <input type="checkbox"/>	N	Y	year rec'd	Received First Communion? <input type="checkbox"/>	N	Y	year rec'd
Been confirmed Catholic? <input type="checkbox"/>	N	Y	year rec'd	Been confirmed Catholic? <input type="checkbox"/>	N	Y	year rec'd	Been confirmed Catholic? <input type="checkbox"/>	N	Y	year rec'd
Did your student attend religious education classes last year? <input type="checkbox"/>				Did your student attend religious education classes last year? <input type="checkbox"/>				Did your student attend religious education classes last year? <input type="checkbox"/>			
If yes, where? <input type="text"/>				If yes, where? <input type="text"/>				If yes, where? <input type="text"/>			
<u>Check Class Choice Below:</u>				<u>Check Class Choice Below:</u>				<u>Check Class Choice Below:</u>			
Sunday School: <input type="checkbox"/>	3 - 5 yrs old			Sunday School: <input type="checkbox"/>	3 - 5 yrs old			Sunday School: <input type="checkbox"/>	3 - 5 yrs old		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sun 8:45 AM			<input type="checkbox"/>	Sun 8:45 AM			<input type="checkbox"/>	Sun 8:45 AM		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sun 2:00 PM			<input type="checkbox"/>	Sun 2:00 PM			<input type="checkbox"/>	Sun 2:00 PM		
Elementary (ERE): <input type="checkbox"/>	1 st - 5 th grade			Elementary (ERE): <input type="checkbox"/>	1 st - 5 th grade			Elementary (ERE): <input type="checkbox"/>	1 st - 5 th grade		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tues 4:15 PM			<input type="checkbox"/>	Tues 4:15 PM			<input type="checkbox"/>	Tues 4:15 PM		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed 4:15 PM			<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed 4:15 PM			<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed 4:15 PM		
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Junior High (EDGE): <input type="checkbox"/>	6 th - 8 th grade			Junior High (EDGE): <input type="checkbox"/>	6 th - 8 th grade			Junior High (EDGE): <input type="checkbox"/>	6 th - 8 th grade		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed 6:30 PM			<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed 6:30 PM			<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed 6:30 PM		
Youth group (Life Teen): <input type="checkbox"/>	9 th - 12 th grade			Youth group (Life Teen): <input type="checkbox"/>	9 th - 12 th grade			Youth group (Life Teen): <input type="checkbox"/>	9 th - 12 th grade		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed 6:30 PM			<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed 6:30 PM			<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed 6:30 PM		
Confirmation I and Confirmation II: <input type="checkbox"/>	Sun 3:30 PM			Confirmation I and Confirmation II: <input type="checkbox"/>	Sun 3:30 PM			Confirmation I and Confirmation II: <input type="checkbox"/>	Sun 3:30 PM		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sun 7:00 PM			<input type="checkbox"/>	Sun 7:00 PM			<input type="checkbox"/>	Sun 7:00 PM		
Allergies/Special needs: <input type="text"/>				Allergies/Special needs: <input type="text"/>				Allergies/Special needs: <input type="text"/>			

Parent and Student Policies for Religious Education Students 2011 - 2012

You, the parent, are your student's primary teacher of the Catholic faith. The best way for your child to learn is by attending mass weekly, attending class regularly, and following your example of living the Catholic faith daily.

Attendance policy for first and second year *Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation students and Parents:*

Students that miss a class must pick up, complete, and turn in the missed assignment to the catechist at the next class.

Additionally, any first or second year sacramental prep student that misses more than 3 scheduled classes with no attempt by the parents to contact the student's catechist, youth director, or the Director of Religious Education (DRE), must begin the preparation classes again from the beginning (September) of the next year. Parents can pick up missed assignments in the Religious Education office.

Parents of first and second year students must additionally attend mandatory parents meetings, retreat, and practice sessions marked on the calendar. Attendance at Sunday Mass is also required for parents and students in first and second year sacrament classes. Parents not attending required events will be contacted by the DRE to determine the reason.

Pick up and drop off for Elementary and Jr. High students:

- Parents need to enter the parking lot at the main entrance or the entrance east of the fire station and park in a marked parking space.
- Parents need to walk their students to their classrooms or Logan Hall, 5 to 10 minutes before class time. We need you to sign your student in and make sure that a catechist is present before you leave. No students are to be unsupervised in the parking lot, classrooms, or playground area.
- Parents need to walk to their student's classroom or Logan Hall to sign out and pick up their student at the assigned time. No student will be allowed to leave without a parent or pre arranged adult.
- Students need to be picked up on time

Dress Code:

Excessively large trousers, pants and overalls may not be worn. All pants must be worn at the waist. Clothing that is excessively revealing is unacceptable. This includes: halter tops, tube tops, muscle shirts, clothing that shows bare midriff, shorts or skirts that are shorter than finger tips when arms are held down at your side, and transparent or see thru clothing. Healy's (roller skate shoes) can not be used on the church grounds. Parents please check out what your student is wearing to their religious education class, the same as you would for public school.

Electronics:

Anyone found using a cell phone, iPod, mp3 player, or other electronic device during large group presentation, small group class, community service projects, prayer sessions, retreats, and activity nights, will have said device confiscated for the duration of the event. Parents, we always allow students to use the phone at church to call in an emergency. We have phones every classroom.

What else do I need to know before my student attends a Religious Education program at St. Philip's?

We'd like our families to know that the our Religious Education curriculum is designed for group learning and group participation in a setting which allows for the experience of Jesus Christ to happen in as pleasant and comfortable an atmosphere as possible.

One of the hindrances to a pleasant and inviting atmosphere is the student who repeatedly is a disruptive influence in class. In order to insure a comfortable learning atmosphere for all students, we have established and do abide by the following policy:

- When a student acts out in a disturbing manner in class, the catechist will try and resolve the situation by talking with the student, to find the cause of the disturbance, and work to correct the situation together.
- In the event that the student's behavior is not corrected, the catechist will contact the parents and try to achieve a solution with their help.
- If there is a continued problem after consultation with the parents, the director will notify the parents, who must come to the office to pick up the student.
- Action will be taken according to the individual situation after discussion with the DRE

Payment of Fees and necessary documentation:

In order for us to register a student we must have the following: **payment of the registration fee and a copy of students Baptismal Certificate, we will not register a student without these two items. Registration fees will not be refunded.**

I have read the above policies and will discuss the above policies with my student(s)

Parent Signature _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Student Names _____

DIOCESE OF FRESNO ANNUAL PARISH CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT, PARISH ACTIVITIES PERMISSION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

TO THE PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN: You must give permission on this annual form for your child to attend and participate in parish-sponsored events and activities during this calendar year. You will also be required to sign permission forms for your child to participate in specific parish-sponsored events, activities, and sports conducted off parish grounds.

Name of Child	Year 2011 -2012
Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	Parish Name St. Philip the Apostle Church

I, the undersigned parent or guardian, voluntarily wish to give permission for and request that my child be allowed to attend and participate in parish-sponsored events and activities during this calendar year including those conducted off parish grounds. My child is physically fit and capable of participation in parish events and activities. I agree to direct my child to cooperate and conform with directions, instructions, and rules given by parish personnel or agents, chaperones, or diocesan personnel responsible for all parish events and activities. If requested, I will sign a permission and release form for each specific event or activity conducted off parish grounds. I reserve the right not to have my child participate in parish-sponsored events.

I understand that participation in parish-sponsored events and activities, including those off parish grounds, involve some risk (including any travel to and from these events or activities) and that unforeseen events can occur. I am informed and agree that transportation, if involved, may be provided by parents, other private individuals, or commercial operators who are believed to be reliable and insured, but are not under the supervision or control of the parish.

In exchange for permitting my child to participate in the parish's activities, I waive and give up all claims (and the right to file a lawsuit) which I or my child (and our successors, heirs, and assigns) may have against the parish and Diocese of Fresno. I release and discharge the parish and Diocese of Fresno from all liability or responsibility from death, illness, personal injury, or property damage arising out of the parish activity and any transportation involved with the parish activity.

In the event of an emergency, and if the parish is unable to contact me, I authorize parish personnel or other adult leadership of a parish-sponsored event or activity, at my expense, to secure and consent to x-ray examination, medical, dental, or surgical diagnosis, treatment, and hospital care advised and supervised by a duly licensed physician, surgeon, or dentist. I expect to be contacted as soon as possible. I agree that if emergency medical or dental services are required for my child, the Diocese of Fresno will not be responsible to pay for any medical or dental expenses.

This permission, waiver, release, and consent applies to the parish named, and to the The Roman Catholic Bishop of Fresno (a corporate sole), the Diocese of Fresno, Diocese of Fresno Education Corporation, all Diocese of Fresno schools, all parishes, affiliated organizations, and their officers, clergy, agents, and employees.

This waiver and release form is signed in order for my child to participate in the parish's events and activities for my child's own personal enjoyment and benefit and is done so freely with full knowledge of the risk and dangers that are or may be involved.

I authorize any hospital which has provided treatment to the above named minor pursuant to the provisions of Family Code section 6910 to surrender physical custody of such minor to the diocesan or parish representative upon the completion of treatment. This authorization is given pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 1283.

The following information is provided for the benefit of the parish:

Daytime Phone Number(s) of Parent/Guardian	Nighttime Phone Number(s) of Parent/Guardian
Pager/Cell Phone Number(s)	Child's Date of Birth
Emergency Contact Other than Parent/Guardian	Phone Number(s)
Allergies (food, drugs, insects, etc.)	
Medications (name, dosage, reason)	
Other Information or Special Health/Physical Considerations (Attach extra sheet if necessary)	
Insurance Carrier	Insurance Group or ID Number
Name of Child's Doctor	Phone Number
Name of Child's Dentist	Phone Number
Name of Child's Orthodontist	Phone Number

I, the undersigned, have read this release and understand all of its terms. I request that my child be allowed to participate in the parish's events and activities. I execute this form voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance. I have discussed the above with my child, and my child is aware of and understands the importance of following all rules set out for the parish's events, activities, or sports. A copy of this form shall be as valid as the original authorization and may be given to the adult leader of the events, activities, or sports.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Date Release Received _____
Received By _____