

St. Joseph Parish School of Religion
Home School Guidelines and Expectation
2009-2010 School Year

We agree to and understand the following:

All families who home school must be registered in the parish.

The Religious Education Office must have a Home School registration form on file that includes the reason to home school. Please remember that Jesus comes before any sport or activity.

Books used are to be the Blest are We, Faith and Word Edition, RCL Benziger at the appropriate grade level available through the Religious Education Office.

You will also receive the Curriculum guidelines for each grade as determined by the Diocese of Covington. This needs to be used as a guide in addition to the book to determine what is required to know before moving on to the next grade. Using both the text book and Diocesan Religion Curriculum guidelines together the grade level must be completed.

All appropriate fees and costs are to be paid at the time of registration.

Twice during the year, January and May, graded unit tests are to be submitted to the Religious Education Office. The Unit Tests found in the Blackline Masters from the book publisher are not to be given as "open book" tests. In May the final Progress Report and the Activity Log also needs to be returned to be kept on file.

The corresponding quizzes and worksheets in the Blackline Masters should be utilized for each chapter as part of the learning process.

Progress Reports provided by the Religious Education Office are to be graded as shown below. Grades are to be kept on trimester basis.

1 – Outstanding	2 – Very Good	3 – Satisfactory
4 – Improvement	5 – Unsatisfactory	

Children should be involved in the life and mission of the Church by participating fully in parish life. They should celebrate Sunday Eucharist and involve themselves in the life of the parish.

Home school children are invited to any church function that is offered during Religious Education classes on Sunday mornings.

The home schooled student must receive a minimum of 40 hours of formal catechetical instruction. These hours do not include time spent completing homework assignments or doing service projects.

It is understood that after careful thought and reflection, if a student who is preparing for the reception of a sacrament has not demonstrated a reasonable level of understanding regarding the curriculum, the student's reception of the sacrament may be deferred.