

HOME SCHOOLING POLICY

With prior approval from the Director of Religious Education (DRE) and according to this policy, parents and/or family members may provide formal catechesis for their own children in their home.

Listed below are the procedures for Home Schooling Policy (adapted from the “Guidelines for Catechesis” established by the Diocese of Cleveland):

1. If a child is unable to attend classes during the times that St. Mary’s PSR meets, then the parent or guardian should be encouraged to investigate a PSR program at another parish that meets on a different evening.
2. If the child is not able to attend another parish’s PSR program, then the parent or guardian is to schedule with the DRE or PSR Coordinator to discuss the home schooling process and to receive teaching materials. The student should meet with the DRE or PSR Coordinator before home schooling starts to understand his or her responsibilities.
3. The parents or guardians are to meet with the DRE or PSR Coordinator for training, advice and consultation every 6-8 weeks to discuss how the home-based catechesis is developing. These meetings also provide an opportunity for the DRE or PSR Coordinator to evaluate the families’ catechetical efforts.
4. The student, with or without the parents or guardians, is to meet with the DRE or PSR Coordinator every 6-8 weeks to review the topics covered between meetings and allow the DRE to review the completed work for those topics.
5. Home-schooled students’ families will be responsible to find out through the REO website and the parish bulletin about any community activities, liturgical celebrations of other enrichment opportunities offered to the PSR students. The REO Administrator will also include the family in emails about upcoming events.
6. Sacramental Year (grade 2)
 - a. Sacramental homeschooling will be arranged through the DRE only.
 - b. There is a \$25 fee for all years except sacramental years. The fee for sacramental years is \$30.
 - c. In order to provide a total picture of the community of faith during the year of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, a combination of regular Mass attendance, presence at PSR sessions and homeschooling will be required. Scheduling will be arranged through the DRE only.
 - d. The meetings and expectations mentioned above (#3,4,5) will also be required.