

St. Anthony of Padua Home-Based Catechesis Information

Parents who choose to use Home-Based Catechesis as an alternative to enrolling their children in the parish religious education program are to adhere to the Diocesan Directives as outlined by Bishop Burbidge in *Policy for Home-Based Catechesis* released on February 13, 2009. This document is available on our parish website on the 'religious education page' or by contacting Diana Wake dwake@st-anthony-of-padua.org in the Parish Office 910-692-6613.

In accordance with the document parents would be expected to:

1. Communicate their intention to provide home-based catechesis to the pastor or the parish catechetical leader for Grades 1-6 (Diana Wake) or Confirmation (Lori D'Argenio) loridarg@hotmail.com, 688-7015.
2. Purchased the prescribe parish curriculum for your child. Our parish uses *The Faith and Life* by Ignatius Press. Parents would be expected to purchase material for each grade being taught.
 - a. Material for Grades 1—6 to include the necessary teacher manual, student book & activity book for each grade may be ordered through the catechetical leader at a cost of \$64. (2015) Payable by check.
 - b. Material for Confirmation may include the following:
 - i. Chosen Confirmation Preparation. Parish has videos. Parent can purchase teacher manual and student manual from <http://ascensionpress.com/t/category/study-programs/chosen/confirmation-preparation>
 - ii. Seton Confirmation Preparation for Young Catholics <http://www.setonbooks.com/viewone.php?ToView=P-RL07-14>
 - iii. Additionally students may use *The Faith and Life* by Ignatius Press. Parents would be expected to purchase material for each grade being taught. Material for Grades 7 and 8 to include the necessary teacher manual, student book & activity book for each grade may be ordered through the catechetical leader for \$64.
3. Parents preparing a child for First Penance and First Communion must inform the parish catechetical leader by September 30th of their intention.
4. Parents are to attend all parent meetings associated with sacramental preparation.
5. Students be expected to attend workshops, retreats and rehearsals.
6. Parents may be required to meet quarterly with the catechetical leader to monitor progress.
7. Students preparing for Confirmation a required to meet with Father during their Proximate (second) year in order for him to become more acquainted with the candidates, explore their formation experience and determine their desire and readiness for the sacrament.
8. Students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must complete all necessary paperwork. See Diocesan Norms at <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/sites/default/files/files/ConfirmationNormsEnglish%282%29.pdf>
9. Students in grades 1-6 will be given the same test the children attending religious education are given at the end of the year.