

HOME SCHOOLING GUIDELINES AND CONTRACT

2011 – 2012

In his 1994 *Letter to Families*, Pope John Paul II writes: “Parents are the first and most important educators of their children.” When parents present their children to be baptized, Catholic parents are reminded that they have the responsibility to train their children in the practice of their faith. *We expect that all homeschooled children in the Prep Program are attending mass weekly and on Holy Days of Obligation.*

The following is an agreement between St. Philip Neri Parish Religious Education Program and parents/guardians of children participating in the Home School Instruction.

TO BE FILLED OUT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL STUDENT

Student: _____ **Parent Email** _____

Home School Grade: _____

Reason for Home Schooling: _____

1. The family, children, or designated legal guardian must be registered members of Saint Philip Neri Parish.
2. Members of St. Philip Neri Parish are part of a community of worshipers because we believe in the Mystical Body of Christ. As such, the children and their parents/guardians are required to participate in the communal devotions that are scheduled for families in the Parish Religious Education Program. **(Attachment A- Calendar)**
3. I understand that I will receive the appropriate curriculum materials needed to effectively home school my child (ren). The materials provided are the same texts, supporting documents and online resources that are in use within the Parish Religious Education Program and will be grade specific for each student.
4. I agree to have my child complete the chapter reviews on line (www.faithfirst.com) and send the results to the catechist and Director of Religious Education on a timely basis. **(Attachment B – Online Assessments)**
5. Prayers appropriate for each grade level will be memorized as designated in the Archdiocese Religion Guidelines. www.archphila.org/catechetical/resources/resources.htm.
6. I agree to complete my child’s appropriate grade level (as discussed and determined by parent/guardian and the Director of Religious Education).
7. If this is a sacramental preparation year for my child (2nd grade, 6th grade, 7th grade), I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain the dates and times for all parent meetings, practices and retreats.
8. It is the parent’s responsibility to bring the child to the PREP building when Father is present for confessions. Once in the Fall and once in the Spring.
9. I agree to attend all appropriate sacramental meetings. (2nd grade -First Penance, 2nd grade - Communion, and 6th &7th grade - Confirmation).
10. I agree have my child attend all appropriate practices and retreats relating to the preparation required for reception of sacraments.
11. I understand that my child will be evaluated (written test or oral review) with a mid-year assessment and final assessment (grades 2-6, 1st grade final assessment only). Parents are responsible for scheduling the time and date of these assessments. Mid-year should be

scheduled no later than mid January. Final assessment should be scheduled no later than the end of April.

- 12. I understand that if, after careful and thoughtful reflection, a student who is preparing for the reception of a sacrament has not demonstrated a reasonable level of understanding regarding the curriculum, the Pastor may defer the student's reception of the sacrament.
- 13. I understand that if, after careful and thoughtful reflection, it is determined that a student has not successfully attained a reasonable level of understanding regarding the curriculum that he/she is studying, the Catechist and Director of Religious Education may recommend that the religious educational needs of the student may be better served in the formal Parish Religious Education program at the grade level specified by the Director of Religious Education.
- 14. As part of the Saint Philip Neri PREP Program parents are required to review the Safe Environment Lesson Plan (grade appropriate) with your child (ren) and return the required form by the date listed. **(Attachment C – Safe Environment Form)**
www.archphila.org/catechetical/resources/resources.htm.
- 15. I understand that student tuition for home schooling is **\$ 75.00** for each child. Additional sacramental fees for second (2nd) grade **\$45.00** and for fifth, sixth and seventh (5th / 6th / 7th) grade **\$65.00**. There is no discount for multiple students in a household. The tuition amount covers the homeschooling guide, workbook and administrative costs (secretarial costs, copying costs, office overhead, Director of Religious Education monitoring student's progress and record keeping).

Home School tuition fees are due by September 21, 2011.

Please sign both the office copy and the parent copy.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

DRE Signature _____ Date _____

_____ Office Copy _____ Parent Copy

For Office Use	
Family Name: _____	
School Year: _____ 2010 – 2011 _____	
Fee: _____	Date _____
Check #: _____	Cash \$ _____
Fee: _____	Date _____
Check #: _____	Cash \$ _____

Office use only:

Chapter Reviews completed _____ Mid-year Assessment _____ Final Assessment _____

This student has successfully completed the _____ grade religion curriculum.

Attachment A

PREP CALENDAR 2011-2012 (tentative)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Calendar 2011 – 2012</u>
September 7	First Night of Classes – All grades 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
September 11	Upper Perkiomen Prayer Service – Saint Philip Neri Church
September 14	Classes
September 21	Classes - No 7th Grade PREP Class (Class 9/25) Confirmation Parent Meeting – 6:10 p.m. – Mandatory Meeting - Neri Center No 7th Grade PREP Class (Class 9/25)
September 25 Sun.	Little Church Begins – 9:30 Mass –Social Hall -Registration Form Required (No Fee)
September 25 Sun.	6 th / 7 th PREP Class & EDGE (6-7:30)
September 28	Classes
October 5	Classes - Confessions Grades 3-7
October 9 Sun.	6 th / 7 th PREP Class & EDGE (6-7:30)
October 12	Classes
October 19	Classes - No 7th Grade PREP Class (Class 10/23) First Penance Parent Meeting – 6:10 p.m. – Mandatory Meeting - Neri Center
October 23 Sun.	6 th / 7 th PREP Class & EDGE (6-7:30)
October 25 Tues.	Confirmation Retreat 6th/7th Grade
October 26	Classes
November 2	Classes
November 6 Sun.	6 th / 7 th PREP Class & EDGE (6-7:30)
November 9	Classes
November 16	Classes
November 20 Sun.	Confirmation Practice 12:00-2:00 p.m. (Church) – Sponsors and Confirmandi
November 20 Sun.	6 th / 7 th PREP Class & EDGE (6-7:30)
November 22 Tues.	Sacrament of Confirmation 6 p.m.– All Confirmandi-4:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.
November 23	No Classes
November 30	Classes - Confessions Grades 3-7
December 4 Sun.	6 th / 7 th PREP Class & EDGE (6-7:30) – Christmas Party
December 7	Classes
December 14	Classes 6-8 p.m. - Advent Prayer Services (School)

December 18	Sun.	No EDGE
December 21/ 28		No Classes
January 4		Classes Resume – Happy New Year
January 11		Classes
January 15	Sun.	6 th / 7 th PREP Class & EDGE (6-7:30)
January 18		Classes
January 25		Classes - No 7th Grade PREP Class (Class 1/29) First Communion Parent Meeting – 6:10 p.m. – Mandatory Meeting
January 29	Sun.	6 th / 7 th PREP Class & EDGE (6-7:30)
January 30	Mon.	First Penance Prayer Service – 6:30 p.m. – Church
February 1		Classes
February 8		Classes
February 12	Sun.	6 th / 7 th PREP Class & EDGE (6-7:30)
February 15		Classes
February 23		No Classes – Ash Wednesday or (Snow Make-up)
February 26	Sun.	6 th / 7 th PREP Class & EDGE (6-7:30)
February 29		Classes
March 7		Classes
March 11	Sun.	6 th / 7 th PREP Class & EDGE (6-7:30)
March 14		Classes
March 20	????	<u>First Communion Retreat – Social Hall / Church ~ 8 – 2p.m.</u>
March 21		Classes
March 25	Sun.	6 th / 7 th PREP Class & EDGE (6-7:30)
March 28		Classes
April 4		No Classes or (Snow Make-up)
April 8	Sun.	Easter – NO EDGE
April 11		Classes
April 18		Classes
April 25		Classes
April 26		First Communion Practice – Church – 6:00 p.m.
April 28		First Holy Communion – 10 a.m.
May 2		Last Night of Class (6-8 p.m.) School Marian May Procession (School) --- Social – Neri Center

Attachment B

Home School Online Assessment Instructions:

As your child finishes each chapter (on a weekly basis) please send the Chapter Review results to the Director of Religious Education. The process is as follows:

Go to www.faithfirst.com

Quick Links – Chapter Reviews

Upper Right Hand Corner (Link) “Click here to view previous version of the chapter reviews.”

Center of Page click Legacy Edition

Choose your Grade

Choose your Chapter

Email results to Mr. Jeffrey Daley egneri@comcast.net

Any questions please do not hesitate to call Mr. Daley - 215-541-3120.

All Sacrament year students must come in for a short interview to attest to readiness to receive Sacrament.

We at Saint Philip Neri Parish agree with Pope John Paul II statement that the parents are always the first and foremost educators of their children. We look forward to helping you in any way we can.

Attachment C

Saint Philip Neri Parish
Jeffrey Daley, DRE
565 Main Street ~ East Greenville, PA 18041
Office 215-541-3120 ~ Fax 215-541-1399 ~ Email- Egneri@comcast.net

September, 2011

Dear [Parent/Guardian],

In the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, Article 12 calls for all dioceses to establish “safe environment” programs at all grade levels, both in the Parish Religious Education Program and Parish Elementary School. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia provides a Safe Environment lesson for Parish Religious Education Program catechists and mandates that this lesson be taught during one session of the instructional year.

The Safe Environment lessons are intended to supplement the conversations that you are having with your children about their personal safety. We recommend that parents, who choose not to have their child present during the classroom lesson, review the Safe Environment lessons with them at home. Please call Mr. Daley with any questions or concerns.

Please review lesson plan (grade appropriate) www.archphila.org/catechetical/resources/resources.htm. by October 26, 2011 and return this form to the Religious Education office by November 2, 2011. This form can be returned in the collection basket, dropped off Wednesday nights during PREP or mailed to the address listed below.

Saint Philip Neri Parish
Jeffrey Daley, DRE
565 Main Street
East Greenville, PA 18041

Sincerely,

Reverend Robert Roncase, Pastor
Jeffrey W. Daley, Director of Religious Education

AS PART OF THE HOME SCHOOLING GUIDELINES FOR SAINT PHILIP NERI PARISH I HAVE REVIEWED THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT LESSON WITH MY (CHILD) REN.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Instruction for the school year 2011-2012
[Date]

School SAINT PHILIP NERI RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Name of Child / Level(s) _____

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Attachment D

Home School Program - Theme Guide

FALL –

Unit 1

- Theme 1 – God Our Father and Creator
- Theme 2 – The Bible, the Word of God
- Theme 3 – Jesus Christ, the Son of God
- Theme 5 – The Holy Spirit
- Theme 6 – The Church, the People of God
- Theme 19 – Mary (for the month of October)

Unit 2

- Theme 7 – Baptism and Confirmation
- Theme 8 – Eucharist and the Mass
- Theme 9 – Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick
- Theme 10 – Holy Orders and Matrimony
- Theme 11 – The Church's Year of Worship
- Theme 24 - Advent
- Theme 25 – Christmas

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Unit 3

- Theme 4 – The Death and Resurrection of Jesus
- Theme 12 – Loving God
- Theme 13 – Loving Others
- Theme 14 – Living as the Children of God
- Theme 15 – Making Choices
- Theme 16 – People of Prayer
- Theme 17 – Ways of Praying

Unit 4

- Theme 18 – The Lord's Prayer
- Theme 20 – The Early Followers of Jesus
- Theme 21 – The Parables of Jesus
- Theme 22 – The Teachings of Jesus
- Theme 23 – The Miracles of Jesus
- Theme 26 – Lent
- Theme 27 – Easter