

Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Religious Education Program Bethlehem, PA

September 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

May God’s peace be with you as we begin the 2021-2022 Assumption PREP season! Our prayer is that your children and your entire family will benefit from the support we offer in assisting you in your God-given vocation of Catholic parenting.

In an effort to communicate well with parents and guardians while practicing good Christian stewardship, we are continuing to try to be “as paperless as possible”. Thus, catechists will update you about happenings in their group via email and most newsletters and other communications will be posted on the parish website. I will include reminders and new information in the weekly ***Stella Maris Powerpoint*** reflections. We urge you to check the parish website frequently and the bulletin weekly for any new communications we may post. If you do not have Internet access, complete the section at the bottom of this page to indicate that so we can supply you with paper copies of handouts and newsletters.

With the beginning of this new PREP season, we ask that you cooperate with us in creating the best possible experience for your children by completing the following tasks:

1. Go to the parish website and read the 2021-2022 ***Assumption BVM Parish Religious Education Handbook***, which *will be posted by Sunday, September 12, 2021*. You may want to download this onto your computer and/or print it out for future reference. We have made a limited number of copies of the handbook in the Religious Education Office to provide this information for those who do not have Internet access. Please take *one only* if you are unable to access the handbook on the computer.
2. Print out this letter and complete the bottom portion to indicate that you have read and will comply with the policies and procedures in the PREP handbook.
3. Also complete the section at the bottom of this page where we ask permission to use pictures of you child/children in displays and publicity we may seek in the press (e.g. the *AD Times*).
4. Complete the emergency card, to be distributed at the PREP Orientations session; return it with the bottom portion of this letter.
5. Complete the COVID waiver and return it with the other items in # 2-4.
6. Consult the parish website for our PREP calendar (*revised*). Again, I suggest printing out a copy for easy reference.
7. Pray frequently for your parish catechetical team, starting with our pastor, the lead catechist of our parish.

Please contact anyone on our Religious Education staff with your questions or concerns. May our ABVM PREP families and catechetical team continue to work in faith-filled collaboration for the loving, just faith formation of our children and youth. Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in raising your children to be loyal Catholic disciples of Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace,

Christina Durback, Director of Religious Education

Please return this portion of this letter to the Religious Education Office by ***September 30, 2021***

Part 1: Please check this blank after reading the Assumption BVM Parish Religious Education Handbook.

_____ I/we, have read the Assumption BVM Parish Religious Education Handbook and agree to comply with the policies/procedures therein.

Part 2: Check one:

_____ I/we give permission for our child/children’s image(s) and name(s) to be used in displays and photos that may be published in the *AD Times* or other newspapers or periodicals.

_____ I/we do not wish to have our child/children’s image(s) and name(s) to be used in displays and photos that may be published in the *AD Times* or other newspapers or periodicals.

Part 3: Check only if you do not have Internet access.

_____ I/we do not have Internet access and request that all newsletters and communications posted on the parish website be sent to our family in paper copy via the youngest/only child in PREP.

Child/Children in PREP:

Name

PREP Group

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Parent/Guardian Signatures:

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| 1. | | (date) _____ |
| 2. | | (date) _____ |