



# Saint Thomas More Church

## Department of Religious Education

Spring, 2012

Dear Parents,

Religious Education registration for 2012-2013 has begun! Please print the registration form, complete it for any children in grades K-8, and return it with your payment to my attention by April 29.

While the Religious Education Program seeks to create an atmosphere of prayer, study, and discussion to increase each child's awareness of God's presence in the world, you serve as the primary educators for your child/children. Religious education begins in a home environment where family members strive to know, love, and serve God. Weekly Mass attendance is a fundamental and critical component of this development. Please make every effort to take advantage of the gift Jesus gave us- the gift of Himself in the Eucharist.

Please understand that the envelope system provides the only method of tracking weekly Mass attendance. Your participation in the envelope system and a minimum weekly contribution of \$5 per week allows us to maintain your active status so the church can provide letters of eligibility should you be asked to be a Godparent for a Baptism or Sponsor for Confirmation. Registration fees for active parishioners are \$55/student, not to exceed \$110/family. Confirmation candidates (Grade 8) please include an additional \$13 gown rental fee. Inactive families or those from outside the parish must pay an additional fee of \$250. Re-registrations after August 1 require an additional \$15 per family. Please make checks payable to: STM Religious Education. If you experience a hardship, please inform Monsignor Murphy.

**We expect all students to attend each class.** Please complete the form at the bottom of this letter indicating that you will contact your child's catechist regarding any absences, obtain missed assignments, and assist your child in completing them. No more than two absences per year are allowed and those are for serious reasons like family emergencies and illness.

Thank you for entrusting your child to our care as we grow in faith. If you do not receive your child's class assignment by August 31, please contact me.

In Christ,  
Kevin Damitz, LCSW, ACSW  
Director of Religious Education

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As the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ who is/are in \_\_\_\_\_ grade,  
I accept full responsibility for my child's participation in religious education. I will contact my child's catechist regarding any absences, obtain missed assignments, and assist my child in completing them.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**2ND STUDENT:**    Male: \_\_\_\_    Female: \_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State

School (as of 9/2012): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level (as of 9/2012): \_\_\_\_

Date                      Church                      Church's Address

Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Penance: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Communion: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please inform us of any allergies or learning issues (hearing, processing, attention, etc.) that may impact your child's experience in class:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**3RD STUDENT:**    Male: \_\_\_\_    Female: \_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State

School (as of 9/2012): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level (as of 9/2012): \_\_\_\_

Date                      Church                      Church's Address

Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

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