

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS
2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

CLASSES AND TIMES

Pre-school	Sunday during 9:30 Mass
Kindergarten	Tuesday from 4:15 to 5:30 or Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:45
Religious Education Levels 1-5	Tuesday from 4:15 to 5:30 or Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:45
Confirmation Levels 1-3	Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:00

CLASSES START TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

WHO SHOULD ATTEND PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) CLASSES?

All children who attend:

- Public School
- Non-Catholic Christian School
- Non-Catholic Private School
- Home School

Parish Religious Education (CCD) classes are not just for Sacrament preparation. Children should attend classes every year from Kindergarten through the time that they receive Confirmation (typically 8th grade).

WHEN SHOULD I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) CLASSES?

The Registration Period will begin on May 1 and end on June 5, 2016.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

There is a yearly fee that covers the cost of books and supplies.

1. The Fee for 2016/2017 is: \$40.00 for one child
\$70.00 for two children
\$100.00 for three or more children
2. If you were registered in the program during the 2015/2016 school year and are registering **after June 5**, a \$15.00 late fee will apply as follows: \$55.00 for one child
\$85.00 for two children
\$115.00 for three or more children
3. Payment in installments can be arranged, if necessary
4. Please make checks payable to ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH
5. There is no fee for the children of Catechists

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Children registering for Level 2 (Children receive Reconciliation and Communion during this year) must have completed Level 1 Religious Education in a Catholic Parish Religious Education program or a Catholic school
2. Children registering for Confirmation Level 3 (typically 8th grade) must have completed Religious Education for Confirmation Levels 1 and 2 (typically 6th and 7th Grade)
3. The Pre-School Program is for 3, 4 and 5 (those who will turn 5 after September 1, 2016) year old children who are potty trained
4. Children registering for Kindergarten must be 5 by September 1, 2016 or registered in a school Kindergarten program

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HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) CLASSES?

1. Fill out a Registration Form and email it to mcurtis@stedwardbowie.org and then send the fee to the church office at the address below.
2. Fill out a Registration Form and place it and the fee in an envelope and then:
 1. Put it in the box on the table in the Religious Education hall (CCD)
 2. Send it to the Church Office: Saint Edward the Confessor, 16304 Pond Meadow Lane
Bowie, MD 20716, Attention: Maureen Curtis

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. Classes are taught by volunteer Catechists. Catechists do not have to be professional teachers; the most important qualification is a desire to share your Catholic faith with the children of our parish. The text books come with teacher manuals. If you are interested in teaching, please contact Maureen Curtis for detailed information.
2. There is always a need for substitute teachers to be available when a Catechist can't be at class. Sometimes the need is known a few weeks in advance but at others it is a last minute notice. Please contact Maureen Curtis if you would like to be on the Substitute list.
3. There is a volunteer opportunity for those who can't make a weekly commitment but still want to be a part of the faith journey of the children of our parish. During the year we have several retreats for the students and their families who are preparing to receive Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. If there is anyone who would like to help plan and lead these retreat, please contact Maureen Curtis for detailed information.
4. At the end of each session the students wait outside for their ride. It would be wonderful to have parents volunteer to be "Parking Lot Monitors" who would wait with the children to make sure that they are safe. We always try to ensure that there are at least 2 adults waiting and many times the 2nd adult is a volunteer teacher; it would be great to let the teacher clean up their classroom, talk to parents and students or get home to their families without worrying about the pick up activities.

All volunteers must have a background check completed through the Archdiocese before they can work with children.