



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Religious Education
Sacramental Preparation Registration Forms
2018 – 2019 Religious Education Year
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Sacramental Preparation Guidelines and Registration

Dear Parent,

As you begin the wonderful work of educating your child in the faith, know that our prayers are with you. You should be aware that the **primary responsibility for the religious education of children is with the parents** (VC II, Gaudiam Et Spes n. 48). The Church is happy to assist you in this essential duty, but it cannot replace your principle responsibilities in this regard.

Each year, Deacon Hudson offers a religious education class for adults that provides a systematic presentation of Catholic faith and practice – what we believe as Catholics, why we believe it, and how we are to live it. Deacon Hudson's class is highly recommended for all parents of young children as it will enable you to educate your child in our Catholic Faith. Your child will learn to pray as they see YOU pray, they will learn to worship as they see YOU worship, and they will learn to practice the faith as they see YOU practice the faith.

Although attendance at our adult religious education class is not mandatory, it is not possible for your child to be adequately prepared for reception of the sacraments unless they are attending Mass regularly. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life,” (CCC1324) and all of the other sacraments are “**bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it (CCC1324).**” **Therefore, if you are enrolling your child in our sacramental preparation programs, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU AND YOUR CHILD ATTEND MASS EACH SUNDAY AND HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

Your example, above all examples, is what ultimately teaches your children. When you attend Mass regularly, you tell your children that it is important and necessary for your faith and, in turn, for their faith. In order for your children to live the sacrament they receive, they must see you living the sacraments you have received. Toward this end, **your regular attendance at Mass here at SEAS is REQUIRED if you wish to have your child receive their sacraments at this parish. Regular attendance will be verified by your use of offertory envelopes at each Mass.** It is not necessary that you contribute anything at any time; simply placing your parish envelope in the basket will confirm your attendance at Mass. If you attend Mass at another parish over the weekend, please submit a bulletin, signed by the pastor, to our Religious Education Office when you bring your child to class.

The preparation programs for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation are **two-year programs**. Students must have completed religious education during the 2017/2018 school year to enroll in the second sacramental instructional year. The first year may be completed through a church catechesis program (religious education program), a pre-approved home schooling program, or a Catholic school.

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PLEASE NOTE, Sacramental Preparation is NOT available in the Home-Study Program. If you are enrolling your child in our Sacramental Preparation programs, you MUST enroll in the Sunday afternoon program.

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Family Name _____ Home Phone _____

Family Email _____

_____ Our family was registered with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton’s Religious Education Program for the 2017/2018 RE Year. All of the information below is the same as the 2017 – 2018 RE year. (If you check this box, you do NOT have to complete the information below.)

Mailing Address _____
(#, Street) (City) (Zip)

Mother’s Name _____ Phone (W) _____ (C) _____
 Parent Legal Guardian

Father’s Name _____ Phone (W) _____ (C) _____
 Parent Legal Guardian

Please list child’s name and indicate which Sacrament you are requesting for the child for the 2018/2019 Religious Education year.

Child’s Full Name	Grade	Age	Date of Birth	Communion	Confirmation

In order to be enrolled in First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation you must provide the following:

1. Baptismal certificate (if your child was not baptized at SEAS).
2. Proof of religious education for the 2017/2018 school year (if you were not enrolled at SEAS).
3. Sacramental Fee (\$20.00)

Photograph/Press Release: I realize that photographs, videos, written extractions, and voice recordings of program participants may be taken during various activities for the purpose of illustrations, publications and website. I hereby authorize and give full consent to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish/Church to publish and copyright all photographs, videos, written extractions, and voice

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recordings in which my child appears while enrolled as an RE participant for the year 2018 - 2019.

(Parent's Signature) _____ Date _____

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Sacramental Fee Paid _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

Sacramental Preparation Text Emergency Notification System

During the 2016/2017 Religious Education year, we developed a text emergency notification system. If Religious Education classes were cancelled for any reason, parents were notified by text message. We are going to utilize the Text Emergency Notification System for the 2018/2019 Sacramental Preparation year. If you would like to be included in the Text Emergency Loop, please sign the following statement and provide a text number(s) where you can receive messages:

I would like to be notified by text message if St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Sacramental Preparation classes are cancelled.

Candidate Name _____

Printed Parent Name _____

Signed Parent Name _____

Text Number for Emergency Messages _____

Other Contact Name _____

Other Text Number for Emergency Messages _____