



St. Angela Merici Parish

In the Diocese of Cleveland

Soli Deo Gloria

Parish School of Religion Offices

April, 2024

Dear PSR Parents and Guardians:

Believe it or not, it's time to plan for next year's Parish School of Religion (PSR) program! Once again, we are here to help you in your role as the primary teachers of faith for your children – to continue their growth in knowing God and growing as members of our parish faith community.

As always, we will offer in-person classes during the coming 2024-2025 year: **one class session from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. each Monday in our day school building. Each class session is essential for your child's spiritual life. We only have so many weeks. Your commitment to us is vital if we are to help you. Here are the things we need you to do:**

- 1.** Please complete the attached registration materials by **June 15, 2024**. This is how we make classroom assignments and guarantee a place for your child. Our teachers/catechists need to prepare, so your help and attention to detail is necessary if we are to have a smooth-running program.
- 2.** Our PSR fee for materials is again \$100.00 per family. **When you send in or drop off your materials at the parish center office, make your check to St. Angela – PSR.** Mark all envelopes with “PSR”, too.
- 3.** Fill out the whole registration form as you have in the past. **FIRST TIME REGISTRANTS: If you are registering for the first time, you must also include: A RECENT COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISMAL RECORD THAT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHURCH OF BAPTISM. ALSO BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL YOUR CHILD ATTENDS AS WELL AS THE GRADE LEVEL FOR THE 2024-2025 YEAR.**
- 4.** It is necessary that you also fill out the **Emergency Medical Form**, same as always. Again, it must be filled out completely (one per family). We need this to assure your child's safety and well-being.
- 5. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to send an email to Mrs. Horner at firsteucharist@samparish.org; or to Mr. Becker at dbecker@samparish.org;** contacting them directly saves you and us time and confusion!

Our *Parish PSR Policy Statement* is on the reverse side of this letter. Please make sure you familiarize yourself with it. Your family is an important part of our parish community. **Help us to help you!** Once we receive your materials, then we can do our work and prepare to send you the classroom assignments and PSR calendar in late August. We are keeping you in prayer as we finish our Centennial Year here at St. Angela Merici. God bless you and yours!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Michael J. Lanning, *Pastor*

Fr. Rich Samide, *new pastoral associate priest*

Co-Directors: Mrs. Patti Horner, *Co-DRE for Grades 1-4*

Mr. David Becker, *Co-DRE for Grades 5-8*

PSR Faculty and Staff



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PSR Philosophy and Policy Statement

- As the Church teaches, parents are the primary educators of their child. Our Parish School of Religion Program provides Religious Education classes to assist you in your role as parents.
- As members of the St. Angela Merici Parish community, we presume PSR families participate by attending Mass regularly and by making voluntary offertory contributions.
- A \$100.00 **per family** PSR Fee is due at the time of registration. The registration is not complete until this fee and **ALL** necessary paper work has been received. Parents of all new students must include a Baptismal certificate with the registration forms.
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- If families are in financial distress, and unable to support the parish, we ask that they contact our parish business manager (business@samparish.org) for a confidential discussion. *No child will be denied a place in our program for financial reasons.*
- The PSR program is staffed by trained volunteers. Often parents fill those roles in all kinds of ways. Classes can only be formed as catechists and catechist assistants are identified and trained. Please see the volunteer section at the bottom of the registration form on the first page and consider helping.
- For children preparing to celebrate First Reconciliation and First Communion within grade 2 or Confirmation within grade 8, attendance at sacramental events will be required of parents and/or sponsors. Parents will be notified of sacramental preparation by Mrs. Horner for First Reconciliation and First Communion or by Mrs. Smith for Confirmation.