



FALL REGISTRATION 2026

Beverly Catholic Collaborative

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Dear Beverly Catholic Collaborative families,

I would like to invite you to register for our fall religious education programs and sacramental processes. All forms can be found on our website: <https://www.beverlycatholic.com/religious-education>.

To continue to meet the needs of our families we will be offering both in-person and virtual classes this year for students in grades 1 through 7. For families who prefer in-person class, we will register as many children as we can providing we can secure enough catechists and hall monitors. We need volunteers from our parish families to make this program successful. For in-person classes we will be using the "Christ Our Life" textbook series from Loyola Press, and will continue to use a hybrid program for virtual learning. There is also the option of homeschool using a traditional textbook by Loyola Press.

All religious education and sacramental preparation will take place either in-person or via Zoom sessions. For Zoom sessions: If parents want to be a part or need to be a part of the lesson, you will need to be on the same screen as your child/ren during the session. If you log in via another screen, you will need to complete a CORI form and a Virtus child safety class. To register for a one time class:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0 or to learn more about Virtus go to:
<https://virtusonline.org/virtus/>.

We ask for parents to share in little moments each day some aspect of the lesson to reinforce the theme at home, like pondering a Scripture passage with a question or doing a service activity as a family. Our catechists and I are available to support parents looking for various ways to share the Faith at home. We will be very much like coaches for parents, sharing ideas and activities to do as a family.

Below you will find opportunities for your child/ren as well as yourself to grow in faith as well as information for families who have young people preparing for sacraments.

School Year 2026-2027

The school year registration forms are available on our website <https://www.beverlycatholic.com/religious-education> or by request via email.

(October - May): weekly sessions unless otherwise noted).

St Mary Star of the Sea & St John the Evangelist

- Sunday 9:00-10:00am Religious Education: Grades 1-7 at St Mary Convent - 15 Chapman St
- Wednesday 3:30-4:30pm Religious Education: Grades 1-4 students via Zoom
- Wednesday 5:00-6:00pm Religious Education: Grades 5-7 students via Zoom

St Margaret

- Sunday 9:45-10:45/11:00am Religious Education: Grades 1-7 at St Margaret Rectory



Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation for children and teens living with special needs: please contact Sarah Coen if you have a child wishing to prepare for a sacrament or desiring religious education. Sessions can be created to meet your family's needs if those noted above do not work.

Sacrament Preparation:

Please note: the registration forms for the following Sacraments: Reconciliation/Eucharist for grade 2 or older and Confirmation for grade 8 or older are on the website: <https://www.beverlycatholic.com/religious-education>. Please check out the website for parent letters and schedules for First Reconciliation/Eucharist and Confirmation.

- The sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist (grade 2 or age 7 and older): There is a 1-year preparation process for this sacrament. This requirement can be completed through parish faith formation or Catholic school. If you have missed class this past year (2025 – 2026), materials can be provided for your student to complete at home to catch up.
- The sacrament of Confirmation (grade 8 or age 13 and older): The Archdiocese of Boston recently updated normal Confirmation age to grade 8 or age 13 and older. Confirmation candidates will now begin their 1-year preparation in grade 8 for Confirmation in spring 2027. Candidates in grades 9 through 12 are also welcome to join Confirmation preparation classes.
- Immediate preparation for the sacraments happens within the parish. First Reconciliation/Eucharist and Confirmation candidates for immediate preparation need to be enrolled in Religious Education through the parish or Saints Academy.

Catechists, classroom aides, and hall monitors are urgently needed for all these ministries, so please let us know if you can be of service. Volunteers will need to complete a CORI form and have completed a Virtus child safety class. To register for a workshop, go to: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0 More information on Virtus can be found at this website: <https://virtusonline.org/virtus/> Some of the Virtus classes can be completed online via Zoom. Please notify the Beverly Collaborative Religious Education office once it is completed.

May we continue to live the spirit of God's merciful love and be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our community. May our loving God help us to desire a deeper understanding of our faith so that we may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Let us continue to pray for the healing of the world.

Yours in Christ,

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