



# St. Joseph Parish and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Religious Education Program

*Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*



Matthew 19:14

## Parental Agreement

**Please Note:** Every family registering for the St. Joseph / OLPH 2026 - 2027 RE Program is required to read, sign, and return this form with payment for your registration to be accepted.

**Why the agreement?** We are committed to helping you bring up your child(ren) in the truths of our Catholic Faith. However, teaching the Faith to your children is ultimately your right and responsibility. **We are here to assist you in this task.** For our work to be effective, you must be prepared to take seriously, cooperate with and abide by the rules and policies set in place to help your child(ren) receive the fullest of benefits of the program. your child's success depends on your involvement.

I, the undersigned parent/guardian of *[child(ren)'s name]* \_\_\_\_\_, have read, understand, and agree to comply with the policies and requirements of St. Joseph Religious Education Program, namely:

1. I will put forth a faithful example for my children of obedience to the Commandments and the laws of the Church, and strive to make my Faith a part of my everyday life.
2. I commit to faithfully attending Mass with my family every weekend and Holy Days of Obligation.
3. I understand that the program used is a family-centered program, designed to continue forming me in the Faith while forming my child(ren). I therefore commit to working with my child(ren) at home, as the program is intended, and promise to make it a priority to participate in all events built into the program.
4. I understand that for my child(ren) to be advanced to the next grade level and/or receive a sacrament they will be required to:
  - a. **Attend class faithfully**
    - No more than two (2) absences per semester allowed. **These absences are designated for illness or family emergencies.**
    - No more than three (3) tardy arrivals per semester allowed (5-15 min late).
    - Tardiness beyond 15 minutes will be counted as an absence.
    - Leaving class early is not permitted. *Sports and/or extracurricular activities are not a valid excuse.* Leaving 5-15 minutes early will be counted tardy; leaving more than 15 minutes early will be counted an absence.
    - If your child(ren) will be absent, the Director must be notified via text at (815) 603-3101 or email at ebravo@stjosephjoliet.org.
  - b. **Complete homework and assignments:**

All homework must be completed and turned in as assigned.
  - c. **Participate in class:**

Catechists (teachers) evaluate participation and report on it via Progress Reports.
  - d. **Demonstrate knowledge of Faith Basics and prayers**

This, too, will be included on Progress Reports, as evaluated by Catechists.
5. I understand that **tuition is due in full no later than January 12, 2026**. If it is not paid in full, I understand that I will be required to meet with Fr. John and Ms. Elizabeth to discuss payment.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form with completed registration form and payment.**