

Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Caruthersville

2016-2017 Registration for Parish School of Religion

Please fill this form out completely for every individual child who will attend PSR

Student's full Name _____

Age _____ Grade in school this year _____ Birth date _____

Parent's full Names _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile phone _____ Mother's work phone _____

E-mail address _____ Father's work phone _____

Names and ages of your brothers and sisters:

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Is your Mother Catholic? [] Yes [] No

Is your Father Catholic? [] Yes [] No

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Have you received . . .

Baptism [] Yes [] No Name and address of church where you were baptized

Who are your godparents? _____

Date of Baptism _____

First Confession [] Yes [] No At which church _____

First Communion [] Yes [] No At which church _____

Confirmation.....[] Yes [] No At which church _____

City and State of your birth _____

Parentsare expected to help in any of the following ways?

Serve refreshments for activities [] Provide refreshments for activities _____ [] **Registration forms are**

Substitute Teacher _____ [] Teacher's aide _____ [] **filled out each year to**

Chaperone activities _____ [] Help with youth Masses _____ [] **update information.**

Other _____

Thanks!

First Communion and Confirmation

First Communion is a special sacrament that we help students prepare for. Students typically celebrate first communion during 2nd grade, but we also welcome older children that have not yet celebrated. Sacred Heart children who have received First Eucharist may enter into the preparation process of confirmation because at the very center of the sacrament of Confirmation lies the theology: in this sacrament we receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Conferring the Holy Spirit is central to the sacrament. Thus, candidates for Confirmation must be at least in the High School at the time of receiving this sacrament.

Preparation is a 2-year commitment and includes: class preparation, reconciliation, parent meetings, attendance at Mass, and practice time. **A student must attend one year of classes here at Sacred Heart prior to the year they will be celebrating a sacrament.**

The reason that we require a two consecutive year program is because celebration a sacrament should involve becoming familiar and comfortable with our parish community. Class participation is an important part of our program. Students that attend our classes have the opportunity to meet peers and share their faith, work in small groups, become familiar with our facility, and take class visits to the church. They will also experience opportunities to meet our priest, develop relationships with catechists, learn how they can become involved volunteering at the church, and enjoy the benefits of a structured classroom setting.

These changes have been in effect since the 2011-2012 school year.

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau is committed to helping children learn and grow in a healthy and safe environment. This Parish complies with diocesan safe environment policies and procedures. In accordance with the U. S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the program Protecting God's Children—Teaching Touching Safety (commonly referred to as "Virtus") is used in the diocese.

Students in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade participate in two different safety lessons each school year; one in the fall and one in the spring. An overview of the children's training is available on the diocesan website. You may view the children's lessons at the office. All employees, and volunteers who regularly work with minors, receive training in how to recognize, prevent and report abuse, as well as ongoing training and background screening. They also agree to comply with the Code of Conduct for Clergy, Employees and Adult Volunteers Working with Minors.

