



July 15, AD 2022

Dear Parents,

Greetings in Christ! I hope this finds your family refreshed after a summer of family fun.

Our Sunday catechetical program starts **Sunday, September 11th**. Please register your children before September 1st so we can get all our supplies together, and plan to be at class on September 11th.

This year we will be including some new events. The events will be fully scheduled by the first day of school, and information will be sent home then. One new event is a **mandatory parent meeting which will be held on October 2nd during CCD**. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

You, the parents, are the primary teachers of your children, and the CCD classes should complement what is taught in the home. Your children's faith is strengthened by conversations about the faith and about how the Lord is working in your lives. If you have not done so, please sign up for FORMED at www.formed.org/signup, enter Aiken, SC, then choose St. Mary Help of Christians.

As part of your teaching role, is vital that you take your children **to Mass weekly and to confession regularly**. Even if they have not yet received first confession, seeing you go to confession is a wonderful example for young children.

Reminder of St. Mary's Sacramental Policy: In order to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation, children must attend, at the very minimum, two full years of Christian Formation classes. This policy is intended to ensure that your child has the best sacramental formation possible.

Please complete the registration form and submit it to the parish office, put it in a clearly marked envelope and place it in the Sunday basket, or mail it to St. Mary Help of Christians, 203 Park Ave. SE, Aiken, SC 29801.

Contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

God bless,

Mary Ellen Jackson

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Catechism of the Catholic Church 2223
Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children.

St. Mary Help of Christians Church
203 Park Ave. SE, Aiken, SC 29802

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION (Grades 4K-5)
REGISTRATION FORM 2022-2023

Please PRINT clearly

Last Name _____ Registered at St. Mary's / Envelope # _____

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

Family e-mail _____

Father's Name Dr./Mr. _____ Religion _____

Contact phone # _____

Mother's Name Dr./Mrs/Ms. _____ Religion _____

Contact phone # _____

What is your preferred language? . _____.

What is your child's preferred language? . _____.

How can you help? record keeping teaching assistant occasional classroom / event help

What talents do you have to help the Sunday Catechetical program? _____

Fees: Please make checks payable to St. Mary Help of Christians Church.. If fees are a financial difficulty for your family, please contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestondiocese.org or 803.642.2676.

\$40 per child 1 child 2 children 3 children 4 children or more*

*For 3 children or more children, the fee is \$120 per family (includes all children 4K through 12th grade).

Total = \$ _____

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	for grades K – 5th (for grades 6 th – 12 th , please use YM form)			Check yes or no: has your child received these sacraments? if yes for baptism, please give date			
	Child's FULL Name (Nickname)	Grade	Check below if special needs	Bapt. yes no	Recon. yes no	1st. Com. yes no	Conf. yes no
1				<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> date	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2				<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> date	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3				<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> date	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4				<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> date	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Allergies or special problems of which we should be aware: (Please list child's name and grade)

Office use only: Fee paid: _____ Check #: _____ Cash: _____ Date: _____
Received by: _____

In the event of an emergency, we will contact the parent/guardian first.

Please indicate an emergency contact in the event we are **unable** to reach you:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Medical Treatment: In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child(ren) to a hospital for emergency medical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital and doctor.

Other Medical Treatment: In the event my child(ren) become(s) ill with symptoms such as headache, vomiting, sore throat, fever, diarrhea, or other mild symptoms, I will be contacted and advised. No medication of any type, whether prescription or non-prescription, may be administered to my child(ren) unless the situation is life-threatening and emergency treatment is required.

Photograph Release: I hereby authorize and consent for St. Mary's Church to publish all photographs, videos and voice recordings in which my child(ren) appear while enrolled as a participant(s) in Christian Formation classes.

Visit to Church: I hereby authorize and consent for my child(ren) to walk from the St. Mary School grounds to the church with Christian Formation personnel during Christian Formation class times.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

Teaching Touching Safety

TO: Parents/Guardians
SUBJECT: OPT OUT Form for St. Mary Help of Christians
DATE: Fall 2022

St. Mary Help of Christians will present a sexual abuse prevention program, *Teaching Touching Safety*, to our students on Sunday, October 16, AD 2022, at 10:00 AM (during CCD class) with a make-up date of October 30. Parents are invited to attend with their child. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Charleston and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain safe environments for all children and youth in our care.

As parents, you have the right to choose whether your student participates in the program. We encourage you to read the overview of the program which I will send later this fall.

If you would like more details, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestdiocese.org.

It is important to note, this is basic prevention education and is in no way to be considered sex education or education on private body parts. Neither of these components fall within our educational mandate to provide your child with the information needed to keep them safe from those who would do them harm.

If you wish to “opt” your child out of the prevention education session, please complete the “opt-out” form at the bottom of this page and return it with your registration. **Please note that if the opt-opt form is not submitted, the assumption will be that you agree to have your child attend.**

There is also the option to do this program at home with your child; please contact me if you would like to take advantage of that option, and I will send you that information. mjackson@charlestdiocese.org

Opt-out form for use with the Teaching Touching Safety Program:

St. Mary Help of Christians does not have my permission to present the Teaching Touching Safety program, to my child/children:

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| 1. _____. | 3. _____. |
| 2. _____. | 4. _____. |

Parent’s Name (printed) _____.

Parent’s Signature _____.

Date: _____.