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Religious Education Program

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This document supersedes information in the Family Handbook regarding classroom instruction. This information may change according to Archdiocesan or parish guidance.

Religious Education Program 2026 – 2027

Our Parish Religious Education Program provides instruction for students in Grades 1-7. The mission of our program is to provide children with a deeper understanding of their faith and its beliefs. We are thankful to the volunteer teachers (catechists) who offer age-appropriate and meaningful instruction for students each week. Our Pastor, Fr. Crawford, and the parish priests, provide guidance and support.

Parish Religious Education Program for 2026-2027: We will offer **in-person** instruction for students in Grades 1-7 on Wednesdays in Ardsley. **Home schooling is not an option.**

Attending Religious Education in all grades (1-7) is a requirement of the program. Transfers into 5th, 6th, and 7th grades are not accepted. It is not permitted to enroll only in the year a sacrament is to be received. In order to receive First Holy Communion, students are required to complete both 1st and 2nd grades. In order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, students are required to complete 5th, 6th, and 7th grades.

Location	**Ardsley**
School	OLPH School 1 Cross Rd. Ardsley, NY 10502 religioused@stmolph.com
Schedule by Grade	Grades: 1-4 Wednesday: 4-5PM Grades 5-7: Wednesday: 6:30 - 7:30PM

Discounted registration ends June 30, 2026.
Late fee: $50 after 8/1/26.
Registration closes September 1, 2026.

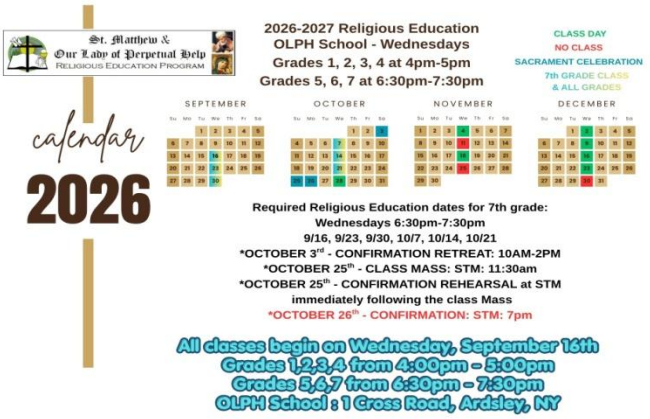
Registration will be online with Parish Giving:

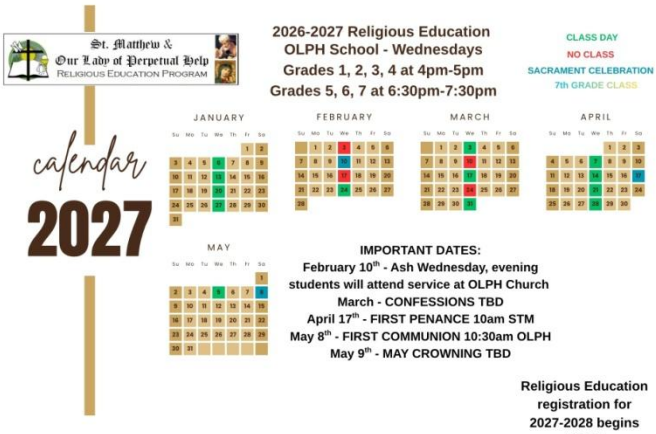
- For Returning Families: Parish Giving will email you a link for online registration. It will include your username and password. If you do not receive this, please check your spam/junk email folder.
- For new Families: Please see the registration link for new families on the parish website under the Religious Education tab. https://stmolph.com/faith-formation
- After you have completed and submitted your family's information and we have processed it, you will receive a Welcome email from Parish Giving instructing how to complete the registration process.
- At the time of registration, a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate should be sent to us at religioused@stmolph.com. or uploaded to Parish Giving.

Class schedules:
Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 16th and end on Wednesday, May 5th.

Fees:

- Fees: $400 for one child; $525 for two children; $625 for three, $725.00 for 4+ children.
- Sacrament fees: First Communion $150 and Confirmation $150.
- Discounted registration ends 6/30/26.
- Late fee: $50 after 8/1/26.
- Registration closes 9/1/26.





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Parent Handbook

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Purpose and Overview of Parish Religious Education Program

The child experiences Catholic life in the home and in the parish, learning from the experiences of these two environments how to live as a faithful Catholic person. Those who give life to the child - the parents - bring the child through Baptism to Life in the Kingdom of God and continually nurture that life. Parents teach their children the faith by what they say and do, by how they live, by placing Jesus Christ and His teachings at the center of their family life. The witness of Christian life given by parents in the intimacy of family relationships is irreplaceable. Through it, children perceive and joyously live in the closeness of God in Jesus made tangible to them by their own parents' love and goodness.

The purpose of the Parish Religious Education Program is to assist parents in that sacred responsibility entrusted to them at their child's Baptism: to form and educate their children in the Catholic faith. But the effectiveness of the Religious Education Program depends radically upon the child's growth and development in the Catholic faith at home.

The six fundamental tasks of Catechesis which are entrusted to the Religious Education Program by the Catholic Church are:

- - to promote the knowledge of the faith
- - to give moral formation
- - to provide liturgical education
- - to teach to pray
- - to educate for community life
- - to initiate into the missionary dimension

The role of the Director of Religious Education and the Catechists is to provide intellectual enlightenment about the Catholic life that the child is already living, and to foster the child's faith development by accomplishing the "Fundamental Tasks" in an age-appropriate way.

An integral part of both a true Catholic home life and of the Religious Education Program is the child's attendance at Mass every Sunday and on the Holy Days of Obligation. A primary responsibility of every Catholic parent is to attend Mass weekly with the child. The Religious Education Program helps the child to understand ever more deeply the meaning of the Mass that the family regularly attends.

For the sake of brevity, the word "child" will be used to indicate children and youth, the word "parent" will be used to indicate the child's primary caretaker, whether parent or guardian and the title "Director" will be used to indicate both the Director and the Coordinator of Religious Education. Catechesis is a Greek word used by Christians from the earliest centuries of the Church. It means Religious Instruction and Formation in the faith.

There are 6 Holy Days of Obligation (days when, in addition to Sunday, Catholics are required to attend Mass):

- Dec. 8 – the Immaculate Conception
- Dec. 25 – Christmas
- Jan. 1 – Mary the Mother of God
- 40 days after Easter – the Ascension

- Aug. 15 – the Assumption
- Nov. 1 – All Saints Day

The Religious Education Program

The Religious Education program is a sequence of formation beginning with grade level 1 and continuing through grade level 7. All Catholic children of the parish who are not attending Catholic schools are expected to follow this program. It is not permitted to enroll only in the year a sacrament is to be received. Attending Religious Education in all grades (1-7) is a requirement of the program.

The Religious Education Program is held between September and May.

The Archdiocesan Curriculum Guidelines

The *Archdiocesan Guidelines for Catechesis for Grades 1 through 7* ensure a uniform presentation of the faith for each grade level and outline the content of the catechesis each child is taught at every grade.

Family Catechesis

Each family and child in the Religious Education Program must participate in Sunday Mass. Mass attendance envelopes will be given to each child, and they must return the envelopes weekly at Sunday Mass, whether there is class or not.

Religious Education for Children with Special Needs

Some children require an individualized program of instruction in a small group or a one-on-one setting or as part of the regular Religious Education session but with a personal assistant. In consultation with the parent, the Director will design an approach to Religious Education that addresses every child's needs.

Preparation for the Reception of the Sacraments

Preparation for the reception of the Sacraments – first reception of the Eucharist, of Penance (Reconciliation) and of Confirmation – is an integral part of the program. The child's primary preparation for the reception of the Sacraments is done throughout the consistent religious education, including home study.

In order to receive the Sacrament of Penance and First Communion, the child must complete the first and second year of the Religious Education Program.

Confirmation is received after the completion of the curriculum and the child must have fulfilled grades 5, 6, and 7 in order to receive it.

However, for each sacrament, the parish program provides an immediate preparation for the sacrament which has a strong family/parent dimension and which helps the children prepare themselves spiritually for the Sacrament.

The immediate preparation program for each sacrament will include:
One scheduled practice for the reception of the Sacrament

The preparation for Confirmation also includes attendance at the Confirmation retreat.

Preparation for Sacraments for Children who are Older or Who Have Special Needs

The parish also offers sacramental preparation for children who come into the program later than the second grade level and for children with special needs. Sacramental readiness must be assessed and demonstrated before a child can receive a sacrament and may require a longer preparation time.

The parent should call the Rectory for more information.

The schedule for Reception of the Sacraments:

The sacrament of Penance is received in the spring of 2nd grade. First Communion for 2nd grade takes place in May. Confirmation is received in the fall of 7th grade.

Responsibilities of Parents in regard to the Religious Education Program

Parent have the primary and sacred responsibility to form their children in the Catholic faith and do so in the following ways:

- teaching their child to live in the reflection of the values and teachings of Jesus Christ and the teachings, laws and norms of the Catholic Church. The primary way parents teach this is by living it themselves
- attending Mass each Sunday with their children, thus instilling in them the conviction that weekly Mass attendance is essential to being a Catholic
- preparing their child for participation in Religious Education each week by ensuring a timely arrival for the sessions and by fostering an openness and positive attitude toward the religious education the child will be receiving
- ensuring that their child fulfills his/her role in the Religious Education Program
- participating in their child's faith formation by making use of the provided textbooks, online materials and the *Archdiocesan Guidelines for Catechesis*
- reviewing and praying at home the prayers to be memorized

Responsibilities of the Child enrolled in the Parish Religious Education Program

The obligations of children enrolled in the Program are:

- living according to the values and teachings of Jesus Christ
- participating in the Mass each week
- handing in Mass attendance envelopes each week, whether there is class or not
- receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance at least 2 times a year
- following the laws, norms and guidelines of the Church
- attending the weekly Religious Education Sessions
- being well-prepared for each Religious Education session by arriving on time
- memorizing all required prayers
- participating in class discussions and activities
- behaving in the sessions with attentiveness and respect
- fulfilling all requirements of the Religious Education Program

Registration and Placement

The Parish Religious Education program offers Catechesis to all children who attend non-Catholic schools and whose families are enrolled in the parish as parishioners.

There is no discrimination on the basis of race, gender, national origin, disability conditions, family background and situation.

Registration Procedure

Every child must be registered for the Religious Education program every year. The Registration procedure is as follows:

- Register child for Religious Education Program starting in May
- **Registration** for the Religious Education Program is online at on the website www.stmolph.com
    - Families who are continuing in the program will receive an email and directions from Parish Giving with all of their information saved from last year. The email that you receive from Parish Giving will give you special access to your private family portal, as well as a unique password to register your children. Payment will also be done at the time of registration. If you have questions please contact Parish Giving at 866-307-7140, Monday – Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm.
    - New families only - There will be a special link for you on our website, www.stmolph.com, to begin the registration process. Once you enter your family information, we will submit it to Parish Giving who will then send you a special link to your family portal.

- If a child is new to the program, a copy of the Baptismal Certificate must be provided.
- Speak with the Director about any accommodations that your child needs which will affect his learning and well-being in the Religious Education sessions.
- Refer to the *Archdiocesan Guidelines for Catechesis* for your child's grade level, so that you will know the essential content begin taught to your child in the current year.

Religious Education Program Fees:

Fees:

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- Sacrament fees: First Communion $150 and Confirmation $150.
- Discounted registration prior to 6/30/26.
- Late fee: $50 after 8/1/26.
- Registration closes 9/1/26.

If a registration is cancelled and/or child attends fewer than 3 sessions and then withdraws, tuition will be refunded in full to the registrant.

No child will be refused admission to the Religious Education program because of inability to pay tuition. Parents for whom tuition would cause a severe financial burden should contact the Director for a reduction or a waiver. If a family cannot pay the tuition in full at registration the Director and the parent draw up a payment plan. This plan may include payment in the form of a specific service given to the parish.

Child's Placement in Religious Education Sessions

The Guidelines for Catechesis are located on the website of the Archdiocese, under Resources (Catechetical): https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/youth-faith-formation/catechetical/catechetical- resources/

The Director of Religious Education makes the final decision for each child's placement in the Religious Education Program sessions.

For any child who requires accommodations, the Director of Religious Education in consultation with the parent will determine a program of religious education to effectively address these needs.

When a child who is in third grade or older and has not had formal religious education, the Director will determine the most appropriate and effective way for the child to be taught the content of the faith, using the *Archdiocesan Curriculum Guidelines* as the norm.

Repetition

Repetition means that the child must repeat the grade level or the year's curriculum. Great care should be taken in the home as well as in the program to help the child realize that repetition is not a punishment but rather a means to help the child be as successful as possible.

Transfer to Another Program

When a parent must withdraw a child from the program, the parent should immediately inform the Director. The Director will send a copy of the child's permanent record card to the Religious Education Program to which the child is transferring.

Arrival, Lateness and Absences

Parents assume full responsibility for the transportation of their children to and from the parish site where Religious Education sessions take place.

Arrival

The Religious Education Sessions take place at the following times:

OLPH School 1 Cross Road, Ardsley:
Grades 1-4: Wednesday from 4-5PM
Grades 5-7: Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30PM

Supervision of the children on Wednesday afternoons will be provided beginning at 3:50PM. Supervision for evening sessions will be provided beginning at 6:20PM. Children should not be on the OLPH school premises without an adult with them before these times.

On arriving for Wednesday afternoon and evening Religious Education, the parent brings the child directly to the entrance of the OLPH school. Please do not leave until an adult has let your child into the building.

Walkers

Parents must notify the Director in writing if they are permitting their children to walk home. No child will be allowed to leave the program unaccompanied without written parental permission to do so.

Lateness

If the child arrives after 4:15PM in the afternoon or 6:45PM on Wednesday, he/she reports to the Religious Education Director. From there, they will be escorted to the classroom. Punctuality is essential. Children who arrive late not only miss important information but also disrupt the entire Religious Education session.

Absences

Your child's regular attendance at Religious Education is very important to his/her whole life. These sessions should take priority over all other after school programs and activities. Students are expected to attend scheduled classes. Just as in public school, there are not a specific number of absences permitted. Each absence will be looked at on an individual basis. Students who regularly miss classes will repeat the grade. If they are in 2nd or 6th grade, they will not be able to receive the sacraments.

Students who are absent for any reason are required to make up the class work. Work will be emailed home, and it is expected that the student will return the completed work at the next class. If work is not completed, the absence will be unexcused. **Completing makeup work for missing classes does not count as a class.**

Notification Procedure for Absence

When a child is to be absent from a program session, the parent must give the Director written notification. Please email religioused@stmolph.com if your student(s) are not going to be in class.

Dismissal

General Dismissal

At the end of the Religious Education session every child is released to the care of its parent or parent substitute. The parent substitute must be the person designated in writing at registration. If someone other than the parent or parent substitute is to pick up the child on a given day, this change must be given in writing to the Director prior to the session in question.

- A child will not be released to anyone under age 18
- A child will not be released to someone who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Staff of the Religious Education Program are not allowed to drive children home
- The Director should be informed in writing by the custodial parent of the rights of the non-custodial parent as these pertain to the child's participation in the program as well as to the child's release from the program. A copy of the appropriate section of the custody papers should be attached to the written statement

No child may remain on the parish premises after the Religious Education Program ends because supervision is not provided. The parent must instruct the child to report to the Director in the unforeseen event of not being picked up on time.

Early Dismissal of the Program

The Religious Education Program will not have an early dismissal unless it is necessitated by an emergency. Parents will be notified of the emergency closure of the program using Flocknote.

Dismissal of an Individual before the End of the Day's Session

If your child needs to be dismissed early, the Parent must come to the Religious Education Director to pick up and sign out the child. The Director or appropriate adult will go to the session and walk the child to meet the parent. The Parent may not go directly to the session area.

Communication with Parents

Emergency Cancellations of Program

Emergency cancellations due to forecasted weather or building accessibility issues will be announced using Flocknote.

The Religious Education program follows the weather guidance from Ardsley Public Schools. Therefore, if Ardsley Public Schools are closed, the Religious Education program is cancelled. Also, if Ardsley Public Schools cancel after-school activities, the Religious Education program is also cancelled for that day.

If parents have questions about whether Religious Education is cancelled or not, they should e-mail religioused@stmolph.com.

Parents should have in place an emergency plan for those times when Religious Education must be cancelled due to weather or other unforeseen circumstance.

Postponements and Rescheduled Events

Parents are notified of the cancellation of other Religious Education events via Flocknote.

Written Communication to Parents

General written communication is distributed via Flocknote or e-mail. The parish website (www.stmolph.com) is the source for all program documentation and instruction.

Rights of Non-Custodial Parent

The Director should be informed in writing by the custodial parent of the rights of the non-custodial parent as these pertain to the child's participation in the program. A copy of the appropriate section of the custody papers should be attached to the written statement.

Visits to Religious Education Program

Unauthorized persons are NOT allowed beyond the main hallway of OLPH School when Religious Education sessions are taking place.

Individual Meetings with Catechists

All meetings between parent and Catechist regarding the faith formation or behavior of a child must be approved by the Director prior to the meeting.

Social Networking Sites and Your Child's Protection

Regarding the use of Social Networking Sites and all other electronic communication, the parish Religious Education Program follows the directives published by the Archdiocesan Safe-Environment Office (Nyfaithformation.org – Safe Environment Resources – Facebook and Child Protection). These include the following:

- There may be no private direct communication with a minor. All communications must be through parents
- There may be no photographs or videos of minors posted without the written permission of the parent
- There may be no photographs or videos posted of Religious Education personnel posted without the individual's written permission
- With regard to a group photo or video, written permission for the child or Catechist must be given
- There may be no contact information, or other personal information, of a minor or of Religious Education personnel posted without the written permission of the parent or Catechist/Director

The written permission for all the above must be given directly to the Religious Education Director.

Religious Education and the Parent's Involvement

Prayer at Home with Your Child

Parents are the primary educators in the faith for their children. One of the most important ways parents fulfill this essential responsibility are by praying with their children every day and in this way teaching them to pray. Some of the prayer practices that are done in the Catholic home are:
+grace before meals,
+prayers at the child's bedtime,
+blessing the child in the morning before he/she leaves for school by tracing the cross on the forehead and saying with the child the prayer to his/her guardian angel,
+saying the family rosary together regularly,
+having pictures and statues of Jesus and Mary in the home and gathering around them for prayer,
+having a family bible in a place of honor and reading a passage or story from it regularly,
+reciting with the child the traditional Catholic prayers which he/she is learning in Religious Education

Prayer with Your Child in the Parish Community

Weekly attendance at Mass together as a family is one of the most powerful and essential ways that the parent fulfills his/her responsibility to form their children in the faith.

Textbook

Every student receives a textbook during the first class for use during Religious Education.

Assessment

Each child is expected to master the contents of the *Archdiocesan Guidelines for Catechesis* at the grade level in which he/she is enrolled.

Permanent Record Card

A *Permanent Record Card* is kept in Parish Giving for each child. It records the child's successful completion of each grade level. If a child must transfer to another religious education program, a copy of this *Permanent Record Card* is sent to the Director of the new program.

Behavior Management

Catechists use behavior management (or "discipline") appropriate to an educational environment as a necessary means for the Religious Education Program to accomplish its goals. The purpose of behavior management is to help the children develop self-control, self-respect, respect for others, and reverence for the Word of God which is being explained to them in these sessions.

Discipline includes positive reinforcement to shape acceptable behavior and redirection. Consequences may be employed to stop unacceptable behavior. Consequences include actions such as pausing in class proceedings to focus on and rectify an individual child's inappropriate behavior, changing a child's place in the room, assigning a written reflection on the problem behavior, telling the child their parent will be called after the class, and/or sending the child to see the Director.

Several infractions of rules of conduct or persistent disrespect will result in a call by the Director to the child's parent in which the Director will describe the situation and work out a solution with the parent. If the infractions continue, the Director will organize a conference with the Parent, the Catechist, the Director and the Pastor.

Dress Code

Children are required to wear appropriate clothing reflecting the dignity of the faith formation in which they are participating.

Examples of unacceptable clothing include but are not limited to:

1. Revealing garments such as tube or halter tops and short shirts or dresses
2. Exposed undergarments
3. Unsafe footwear such as flip-flops, excessively high heels, roller shoes and laced shoes that are unlaced, cleats
4. Clothing promoting values or products that are inconsistent with Christian living

The exercise of good taste and proper, reasonable judgment on the part of the parent in overseeing the child's choice of clothing, in itself, supports effective formation for the child.

With the approval of the Pastor, the Director has the final authority to determine the appropriateness or inappropriateness of the clothing worn. If a child violates the policy, the child is removed from the session and the parents are immediately called. The parents must bring alternative clothes for the child to change into so that he/she may return to the Religious Education session.

Cell Phones

The use of cell phones and other electronic devices by the child is not permitted during the Religious Education session, unless directed by the Catechist as part of the educational process. Cell phones brought into the place of the Religious Education session must be turned off. Children in need of contacting a parent must ask the Catechist's permission to place the call.

Lost Valuables

All clothing, money, jewelry or other articles that are found should be turned in to the Religious Education Director and can be claimed from them. Children should not bring valuables to the program and the program personnel cannot be responsible if these are lost.

Unacceptable Behavior

The following types of behavior are not allowed during the Religious Education Program.

- Acting in a disrespectful manner toward the Catechist, other adults or children in the program
- Speaking and interacting with other children inappropriately instead of being involved in the session
- Leaving a classroom without permission
- Using a cell phone during the session when not authorized by Catechist
- Doing something other than the work of the session
- Violating the dress code

Infractions that call for immediate action by the Director and Pastor

- Possession of and/or trafficking alcohol or other drugs
- Leaving the Religious Education premises when child is supposed to be attending the session
- Willful defiance of authority
- Possession of weapons, such as knives, guns, or look-alikes
- Physical assault/fighting
- Extortion
- Arson
- Vandalism
- Theft
- Cheating
- Intimidating fellow students
- Abusive/vulgar language
- Harassment
- Defacing or damaging of parish property
- Threatening bodily harm
- Bullying/Cyber-bullying

Vandalism

Willfully damaging or destroying property (personal or parish) will not be tolerated. The parent of the child who did it must pay for vandalism. Accidental damage should be immediately reported to the Director.

Bullying and Cyber-bullying

The Archdiocesan policy against bullying is followed. This policy states:

'A safe and civil environment is necessary for students to learn and achieve Christian values; harassment, intimidation, bullying, cyber-bullying (using technology to bully such as but not limited to: posting an inappropriate pictures of a student on the Internet) and other violent behaviors will not be tolerated in a religious education program environment. Any student who engages in this behavior may be asked to leave the religious education environment if this is seen to be in the best interest of the rest of the religious education community. Bullying includes but is not limited to: threatening physical harm, verbal abuse, intimidation, cyber-bullying.

Medication and Medical Emergency

No medication of any kind (including both prescription and over-the-counter) will be administered to, or taken by any child during the Religious Education Program.

In the event that a child has a condition for which emergency medication may be necessary, the parent must provide a written request and directives to the Religious Education Director when the child is registered for the program.

Any emergency medication/medical device to be administered during the program according to the above directives must be brought by the parent to the Religious Education Director and ideally is administered there by the parent.

Medical Condition of Child

The parent must inform the Director about any child who has special medication needs, a medical condition which could flare up in the session, or a medical condition which could affect the teaching/learning environment or safety of the child such as allergies, asthma, auditory or visual impairment, possibility of seizures, learning disability, hyperactivity, attention deficit disorder, or need for the epi-pen. This information should be entered on the registration form and is strictly confidential and will be used with the utmost discretion. The Director will ensure that the Catechist is informed.

A course of action in case of a flare up is determined by the parent at the time of registration and put in writing. The Director and Catechist will follow these written instructions.

Completed program registration forms will list the names and contact information for the people who must be contacted in case of emergency.

Medical Emergency Information

In the case of any medical emergency, 911 will immediately be called without exception.

The information provided by the parent on the registration form is kept on file in the Parish Rectory. The parent is expected to keep the information in these forms current. Any changes to the forms are made in writing and signed by the parent.

Safe Environment

Archdiocesan Children Protection Policy

The Archdiocese of New York and the parish of St. Matthew & OLPH are committed to ensuring the personal safety of all children in the Religious Education Program. Therefore the parish and its Religious Education Program follow all the policies, directives and requirements of the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Office. These policies and programs are to be found on the Safe Environment web page that can be accessed through the Archdiocesan web site (Archny.org) and the Catechetical Office web site (nyfaithformation.org)

Assistants to Catechists who are under the age of 18 do not receive this Child Protection training; therefore they must be supervised at all times by an adult who has received the training.