

**Home Schooling Religious Education at
Saint John the Baptist Parish
Policies and Guidelines
2011-2012**

The Church has always recognized the fact that parents are the primary educators of their children when it comes to religious education/faith formation. This task carries with it an enormous responsibility, which must include commitment and dedication. With this in mind, the Religious Education Department of Saint John's has established these specific policies and guidelines for Home Schooling Families:

- 1) Home Schooling for religious education will be offered to any student/family in grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Due to the importance of the faith community and activities surrounding sacramental preparation, Home Schooling will not be permitted for students in the sacramental prep years of 2nd and 8th grades.
- 2) There is a certain continuity that flows from either a CCD Class or the Home Schooling process. In that regard, Home Schooling needs to carry with it a sense of accountability.

- a) Students/Families will be accepted into or can withdraw from Home Schooling only twice a year: September or January.
- b) Parent meetings will be held three times a year – September, January and April.
- c) Students need to be accountable for a certain measurable amount of knowledge of the faith. They will be tested on the material that was to be covered during a specific time period. These tests will be administered four times a year. Units 1 and 3 by parents at home and Units 2 and 4 by a Religious Education staff member in January and April at Saint John's School.
(Note: All four completed tests MUST be received in the Religious Education Office
by June 15, 2012 in order for the child to be considered for promotion to the next
grade level.)

**For further information and/or questions or to sign-up for this program,
please contact Mrs. Tarr at the Religious Education Office
412-795-6376.**