



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart CCD Program  
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April 2018

Dear OLSH CCD Families,

It is hard to believe that we are at the close of another CCD year. AS we look ahead to 2018-19, my hope is for all families to return next year with enthusiasm and joy ready to learn more about God, to praise and thank Him for all the wonderful gifts that we receive from Him, and realize and feel the great love He has for all of us.

The instructional and spiritual formation of our parish children is an important part of our parish life. Together, as parents and catechists, we bring the face of Jesus to our children. I am blessed to be working with all of our OLSH families sharing our Catholic faith with your children - our students.

The days and times of our CCD sessions will be Tuesday afternoon, from 4:30 PM until 6:00 PM, for grades 1,2,4,5,6; Tuesday evening, from 6:30 until 8:00 PM, for grades 1,2,4,5,6,7, and Learning Support, and Wednesday evening, from 6:15 until 7:45 PM, for grades 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7. On the registration form, please choose the session that you prefer and circle the appropriate grade. Class assignments will be handled on a first come - first serve basis. Classes will be capped at 20 students in order to keep all classes at a manageable number of students. Once a class reaches that capacity, that session will be closed.

Our CCD classes for the 2018-19 year will begin on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. On September 18<sup>th</sup>, both Tuesday afternoon classes and Tuesday evening classes will meet, both parents and students, in the church at 6:30 PM. Father Schiele will lead us in an Opening Prayer Service and once the students are dismissed he and I will speak to parents concerning our CCD procedures and policies including the upcoming year's events. On Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, parents and students will meet in the Church at 6:15 PM to begin the CCD year. Again, Father Schiele will lead us in an Opening Prayer Service and he and I will speak about this year's policies and procedures including the upcoming year's events.

Please return your completed registration form to the CCD office as soon as possible. The Registration fee is due with the return of the registration form unless you have called the CCD office to make payment arrangements. For questions or concerns regarding the registration policy, please do not hesitate to call or email the office at 215-822-9020 or [olshccd@comcast.net](mailto:olshccd@comcast.net)

We will continue to participate in the Parish Scrip Program. By purchasing Scrip (Gift cards) at face value, you are able to earn money that will go towards your registration fee. Scrip cards are available for grocery stores, gas purchases, Wawa, department stores, amazon and other online sites, and restaurants. I urge you to participate in this program. Scrip costs nothing to join and you spend no more money than you would normally spend doing everyday things such as grocery shopping and buying gas. Rebates are given back to the Scrip program and shared with you to pay your CCD registration fee. **We have many families who have completely paid their registration fee using their Scrip. Again, it is free money!**

Scrip is sold after or before our Sunday Masses. (After the 8:00 AM Mass, before and after the 9:30 Mass, and before the 11:00 AM Mass. It is also sold after the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday evening.) Scrip can also be ordered online by Monday evening and be available for pick-up on your child's CCD night. To join or to ask questions about the program, please contact Lorri Resuta at [sashscrip@gmail.com](mailto:sashscrip@gmail.com)

Please review the registration instruction sheet and your completed registration form. Please return your registration form by May 30, 2018. However, we would appreciate your effort to return your registration form by the end of CCD, if possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. No registrations will be processed from September 13 to September 20, 2018 in order to compile and finalize class lists.

May your family be blessed with God's peace and may His many blessings fall upon you and your family.

Sincerely,

Joanne Roberts

**OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH**  
**Religious Education Center**  
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**Mrs. Joanne Roberts, Director of Religious Education**

## **Registration Packet Information for the 2018 – 2019 CCD School Year**

### **Returning Students**

- Please review and update, if necessary, all information before returning packet.
- Please send registration form and payment to the CCD office.
- Requested day/days will be accepted after form and payment are received by the office.
- Classes are capped at 20 students. To ensure desired day, please send registration form/payment in promptly.

### **New Students**

- Complete all information on registration form.
- Please return with registration form a photocopy of student's Baptismal Certificate. If student was not baptized at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, his or her Baptismal Certificate can be obtained from the Church of Baptism.
- **If transferring from another parish, please attach to the registration a copy of Penance Certificate (if possible), First Holy Communion Certificate, and proof of previous CCD attendance in addition to the student's Baptismal Certificate.**
- **All children must begin CCD instruction in Level 1. Children attending First Grade in the public school should register in CCD at that time to ensure they will be in class with their peers.**

### **CCD Registration Fee**

- Registration Fee is \$180 for one child, \$350 for two children and \$485 for three or more children. Registration includes all books, materials, and "Blackboard Connect" registration. Registration fee should accompany form.
- **GRADE 7 students – Confirmation Retreat \$20 additional – Please add to registration fee.**
- Anyone with special financial needs or questions, please contact the CCD office at 215-822-9020.
- Please make checks payable to "Our Lady of the Sacred Heart CCD" (\*\*Please note "CCD" on your check). Please return payment with the registration form.

### **Day Selection / Class Session**

- Class-size will be capped at 20 students – NO EXCEPTIONS.
- **Class placement will be confirmed by email once registration and payment is received by the CCD office. If special arrangements need to be made, please don't hesitate to contact the CCD office.**
- To order books and assign student placement, we request that all registration forms and fees be returned to the CCD office by May 30, 2018.
- Learning Support Class is held on Tuesday evening. Please contact the CCD office for further information.

**The attached Photo/Video Release Form must be completed and returned with the Registration Form.  
An email address must be completed on the registration form.**

**CCD classes will start Tuesday, September 18; Wednesday, September 19**

***All Tuesday classes afternoon and evening will meet with Father Schiele and Mrs. Roberts  
in the Church at 6:30 P.M.***

***Wednesday Classes will meet with Father Schiele and Mrs. Roberts in the Church at 6:15 P.M.***

***Please pray for our dedicated catechists and the success of our program.***

# Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

## 2018-2019 Religious Education CCD Program

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Balance Due: \_\_\_\_\_

### Family Information

Are you a registered member of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart? \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Living/Deceased Religion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Living/Deceased Religion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First (Maiden)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street City State Zipcode

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell-Mom: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell-Dad: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL 1 \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ext: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ext: \_\_\_\_\_

Parental status: Married: \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced: \_\_\_\_\_ Separated: \_\_\_\_\_ Remarried: \_\_\_\_\_ Single Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Child lives with: Parents: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Step-Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency/Health Information: Person other than parents or guardian to contact in case of illness or emergency.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Information - #1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Last Name First Middle NickName1

School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Last attended Religious Education Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth, City: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sacramental Information: If registering your child for the first time, please provide a photocopy of your child's Baptismal certificate.**

Parish of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reconciliation Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Communion Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Has IEP \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes Learning Needs \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes Allergies \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes Physical Disabilities \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes  
 Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Custody: Are there any custody/legal issues? \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes (If yes, please provide a complete copy of the latest court order.)

### Entering September CCD grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle first choice for day desired with 2018-2019 CCD grade below -**

**Tuesday - AFTERNOON - Grades 1 - 2 - 4 - 5 - 6 (4:30 to 6:00 PM)**

**Tuesday - EVENING - Grades 1 - 2 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - Learning Support (6:30 to 8:00 PM)**

**Wednesday - Grades 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 (6:15 to 7:45 PM)**

**Student Information - #2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Last Name First Middle Gender:  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last attended Religious Education Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Birth, City: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parish of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reconciliation Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Communion Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Confirmation Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Student Information - #3**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's Last Name First Middle Gender:  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last attended Religious Education Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Birth, City: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sacramental Information: If registering your child for the first time, please provide a photocopy of your child's Baptismal certificate.**

Parish of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reconciliation Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Communion Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Wednesday - Grades 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 (6:15 to 7:45 PM)**

*Please complete this entire page –*

**PART I**  
**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart CCD**  
**Photo/Video Release Form**  
**2018 – 2019 School Year**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give Archdiocese of Philadelphia / Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, its successors and assigns and those acting with authority, the permission to reproduce and use pictures and/ or video of my child/children produced and filmed by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia / Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish.

I hereby warrant that I am free to give this permission. I further warrant that the information I have provided is to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian	_____ Date
_____ Student's Name	_____ Grade
_____ Student's Name	_____ Grade
_____ Student's Name	_____ Grade
_____ Student's Name	_____ Grade

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**PART II**

In order to insure the safety of your child/children, please list **all adults (including yourself)** who have permission to sign out and take your child/children home from CCD.  
**Children will only be released to these adults.**

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

\*\*\*TO BRING LIFE TO OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM, ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES ARE NEEDED:

**TUESDAY – Session 1 - 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM**  
**Session 2 - 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY - 6:15 PM - 7:45 PM**

## **CATECHIST:**

Consider this ministry if you have the desire to grow in your faith and to share it with young people. You will need about 2-3 hours per week to prepare for and teach the session. Team teaching is encouraged for those who want to share the responsibility. Training is offered.

## **CATECHIST AIDE:**

An opportunity to learn and gain experience as a catechist by assisting in a class.

## **SUBSTITUTE CATECHIST:**

A good ministry for adults who want to help and share their faith but cannot commit to a weekly class.

## **HALL MONITOR - CAR DROP OFF AIDE:**

This is a very necessary help. It involves monitoring the hallways during CCD to provide help to teachers as needed. (i.e. restroom escort, messenger, etc.) and assisting the children as they are dropped off for CCD classes.

## **OFFICE HELP:**

Anyone who can help with typing, checking on attendance, etc., in the office during CCD.

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I am interested in volunteering as a \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_(home)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_(work/cell)

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

This portion only needs to be completed if interested in volunteering. Thank you.

# *Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish*

Dear Parents,

In baptism, your child became a child of God and a member of the Catholic Church. As they grew, they learned of the love of God in the “first school of faith, the family.” As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: “The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called ‘the domestic church,’ a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity” (No. 1666).


When your child comes of school age, the Church provides religious instruction through the parish religious education program or Catholic school. This formation in faith includes sacramental preparation for First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The primary object of this catechesis is to bring your child into an intimate communion with Jesus Christ by knowing, loving and serving Him in this world to be happy with Him for all eternity. This education in conjunction with the domestic church is more than simply learning about Jesus; it is a spiritual formation which challenges your child to become a model of the faith and a disciple of Christ for his/her lifetime. The Sacrament of Confirmation gives grace for the spiritual journey.

Over the past two years, the Archdiocese conducted a study regarding the grades for Confirmation. Overwhelmingly, bishops, pastors, principals and directors of religious education noted there is a much better understanding of the Sacrament of Confirmation by older grade school students. On June 29, 2017, after a presentation of the results of this study, the Council of Priests voted almost unanimously for the standard grade for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be grades 7 and/or 8 in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Over the summer, a consultation with the priests of the Archdiocese was conducted. This consultation supported the June 29<sup>th</sup> decision and on September 21, 2017 the Council of Priests again voted in favor of this change from the practice of Confirmation in grades 4, 5 or 6. On January 18, 2018, the Archbishop determined, with the Council of Priests, that the new grades for the Sacrament of Confirmation are 7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This new policy will take effect in the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

**At Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Confirmation will be celebrated by children in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older. This grade standard applies to all Catholic School Students, Home Schooled students and students in our Parish Religious Education Program. For our students attending our CCD classes, there is no change, but for our Catholic School students and our Home Schooled students, reception of the Sacrament will move to 7<sup>th</sup> grade (or 8<sup>th</sup> grade if that is when the host school where your child is attending prepares their students for the Sacrament). Please see the back of this page to determine when your child will celebrate the Sacrament.**

As pastor, it is my desire for your child to be spiritually equipped to face the challenges of this world and bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I am confident that this change, with your familial support, will allow for a deeper apprenticeship in the faith and stronger relationship with God for your child.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. John Schiele, Pastor



## When will my child celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation?

If your child is presently in this grade...	Then the Sacrament will be received in...
Grade 6	2019-2020
Grade 5	2020-2021
Grade 4	2021-2022

For parents who send their children to the surrounding Catholic grade schools, I take this opportunity to remind you of the archdiocesan policy on the places for the celebration of the Sacraments. Such celebrations are Parish celebrations, not “class” celebrations and as such, the Parish is the appropriate place for their celebration. So please make sure to come to OLSH Sacramental Preparation meetings and events to ensure the reverent and joyful celebration of these Sacraments.

The Archdiocesan Policy Statements regarding the places of celebration may be found here:

<http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/confirmation.pdf>

<http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Place-for-celebration-of-first-penance-and-first-holy-communion.pdf>