

## Religious Education General Information, 2024-2025

Welcome to our Holy Ghost Religious Education program! We are happy to have you and your family participating and are committed to helping you prepare for the Sacraments and deepen your spiritual life and family formation. Our teachers are volunteer parishioners who have fulfilled the Archdiocesan requirement of Safe Environment training and have had a background check administered by a third party.

This year we will be offering classes at 2 Levels, plus OCIC\*. **Year 1** would correspond to Second Grade; and **Year 2** to Third Grade; and \*OCIC is for children past the age of reason (usually 7) *who have not* yet received Baptism. Please note that children must be enrolled based on which Sacraments they have received, rather than their age.

Therefore, we are prepared to adapt each curriculum to meet the needs of any older children who enroll.

- **Year 1** (Sacramental preparation) Salvation history, preparation for **First Confession/Reconciliation**
- **Year 2** (Sacramental preparation) Preparation for **Confirmation** and **First Holy Communion** + **OCIC**—Preparation for **Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion** at Easter Vigil
- Unlike recent years, **Faith Formation** classes will be offered on **Sundays only**, following the 8:30am Mass (9:45am) until about 11:25am.
- We still require that each child be accompanied by at least one parent during each class in keeping the family together in the journey of faith formation.
- The Archdiocese of Denver requires age-appropriate Safe Environment Training to be completed each Year in the Fall.

Please note *Restored Order* for Sacramental Prep for Confirmation & First Communion in religious education is a *two-year program* and the OCIC / Special Sacraments track is for children past the age of reason (age 7); and Special Sacraments are for those who have been Baptized and still need to receive Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist in grades 4-5 (Grades 6-12 Contact Fr. Paul).

**Parent/Child Meeting will begin** the weekend of Sunday, September 8, 2024 for Parents(+Child) for Introductions + Meet Teachers and to receive books. Classes begin September 15. **First Confessions** will be made in the spring before Easter. Children may go to Confession with any of the priests from Holy Ghost, either by appointment or during a regularly scheduled confession time. The priest should be told that it is a first time Confession, and parents should notify the director of religious education of their child's First Confession. A Retreat for Confirmation and First Communion will be held in March, and the sacraments will be celebrated on Tuesday evening, April 29, 2025. Older children will be baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil, March 30, 2025. More details will follow.

**Program Cost:** \$40 for one child, \$70 for two children, or \$90 for three or more children in a family.

### Documents to complete and submit to the office by September 1, 2024:

- Completed application(s) with parent contact information and a separate form for each child
- Baptismal Certificates of children enrolling at Holy Ghost for the first time
- Payment
- Parental Agreement of Commitment (signed)
- Photo release form (signed)

### Document to Complete and Submitted by December 31, 2024:

- Sponsor Form (for children preparing for Baptism or Confirmation/Eucharist)

## Holy Ghost RE/Sacramental Prep Class

### Calendar 2024-2025

**Note: Classes in Parish Hall after Sunday 8:30am Mass  
(9:45am – 11:25am)**

#### September 2024

- 1 – **NO Class / Registration Due**
- 8 - Parent/Child Orientation
- 15 – Class
- 22 – Class
- 29 – Class

#### October

- 6 – Class
- 13 – Class
- 20 – **NO Class**
- 27 – Class

#### November

- 1 – *All Saints Obligation*
- 3 – Class
- 10 – Class
- 17 – Class
- 24 – **No Class** – Thanksgiving Break  
+ Christ the King
- 31 - **No Class**

#### December

- 1 – Class
- 8 – Class
- 15 – Class
- 22 – **NO Class** Christmas Break
- 24-25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve/Day Obligation
- 29 – **NO Class**
- 31-1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve/Day Obligation

**ALL FORMS / Baptism Cert's DUE**

#### January 2025

- 5 – Class
- 12 – Class
- 19 – **NO Class**
- 26 – Class

#### February

- 2 – Class
- 9 – Class
- 16 – **NO Class**
- 23 – Class

#### March

- 2 – Class
- 5 – Ash Wednesday (no obligation)
- 9 – Class
- 16 – Class
- 23 – Class
- 30 – **NO Class**

#### April

- 6 – Class
- 13 – **NO CLASS** – Palm Sunday
- 20 – **NO Class** – EASTER
- 27 – Class – Divine Mercy Sunday

#### April: Confirmation / First Communion

- 28 – Rehearsal, 7pm
- 29 – Sacraments Mass, 7pm

# Application for Religious Education, 2024-25

## Holy Ghost Catholic Church

1900 California Street

Denver, CO 80202

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**Parent information:** *If not living together, please indicate which parent child lives with*

**Father:** \_\_\_\_\_

*First*

*Last*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother:** \_\_\_\_\_

*First*

*Maiden name*

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Street*

*City, State, postal code*

Registered Parishioner at Holy Ghost: YES  NO

### **Child's Information:**

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First / Middle:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Baptism:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Church of Baptism:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Address (if not HG)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sacraments Already Received:**  Baptism  First Confession,  Confirmation  Holy Communion

**\*\*Children in Sacramental Preparation not baptized at Holy Ghost must present a Baptismal Certificate from church of baptism by end of December (a request form will be provided at parent orientation).**

**Cost:**  1 child, \$40

2 children, \$70

3+ children, \$90

### **Office use only:**

*Date Received* \_\_\_\_\_ *Amount Paid* \_\_\_\_\_ *Cash*  *Check #* \_\_\_\_\_

*Parental commitment*  *Baptismal certificate*  *Photo Release* \_\_\_\_\_ *Initials* \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Parental Agreement of Commitment 2024-2025 to the Religious Education and Spiritual Formation of themselves and their Children**

- ❖ We (I) promise to work toward a full participation in the life of the Catholic Church by seeking to resolve any impediments in our (my) relationships or personal life that limit or exclude us (me) from full participation in the sacramental life of the Church.
  
- ❖ We (I) promise to attend Sunday Mass with our (my) child(ren) every week as a sign of our (my) fidelity to the Precepts of the Church so as to be a good role model to our (my) child(ren).
  
- ❖ We (I) promise to bring my child(ren) to religious education over the entire course of this year, and to be actively engaged and promote the active participation of our (my) child(ren) in each lesson. Any absences should be discussed with the catechist ahead of time, and the material must be made up. Regular or excessive absences should be discussed with the director of religious education.
  
- ❖ We (I) promise to be involved in the religious education of our (my) child(ren) outside of class time, by encouraging them to be engaged in classes, talking with them about what they are learning, and helping them with assignments at home as necessary.
  
- ❖ We (I) promise to spend time with our (my) child(ren) praying and sharing our (my) faith (e.g., family meals with prayer, prayers before bed, sharing about how faith makes a difference in my life).
  
- ❖ We (I) promise to be involved in religious education by signing up to assist with set up, cleaning, and other volunteer tasks as able. (Requests for volunteers may be made by the director of religious education as necessary throughout the year).

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Parent Signature

Date

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Director of Religious Education Initial

Date

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## Permission to Use Photographs 2024-2025

**Event: Religious Education Programs, Confirmation Retreat, Confirmation Mass**

**Location: Holy Ghost Catholic Church**

*I grant to Church of the Holy Ghost, the right to take photographs of me and my family in connection with the above-identified event(s). I authorize Church of the Holy Ghost, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use, and publish the same in print and/or electronically.*

*I agree that Church of the Holy Ghost may use such photographs of me and my family with or without our names and for any lawful purpose, including such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.*

\_\_\_ (initial) I have read and understand the above, and I GRANT this permission.

\_\_\_ (initial) I have read and understand the above,  
and I DO NOT grant this permission.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_