

Religious Education General Information, 2026-2027

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 Two Levels of RE/Sacrament Formation which will include the **O.C.I.C. (Oder of Christian Initiation for Children, for the Un-Baptized)**.

Year 1/Level 1 corresponds to age 7+ above that are Baptized and have not received Reconciliation;

Year 2/Level corresponds to age 8+ who have completed Year 1 & have received Baptism & Reconciliation. **O.C.I.C.** is also a 2-year program 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 / OCIC Year 1** - Introduction to God, the Bible, and life of the Church; Salvation history, preparation for **First Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation)**
- **Year 2** - Preparation for **Confirmation** and reception of their **First Holy Communion** (Eucharist)
OCIC Year 2—Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, and first Holy Communion received at the Easter Vigil (March 27, 2027).

This year, Holy Ghost will continue to a single class for each Year. We still invite parents and godparents to attend the class, to learn together, and to ensure we meet Archdiocesan Safe Environment standards. We will also offer adult formation and discussion opportunities as a break-out session during the children's class time throughout the year.

Classes will begin on the weekend of August 30, 2026. First Confessions/Level 1 will be held in the Spring 2027 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. For **Confirmation and First Communion/OCIC Year 2** a retreat will be held in Feb/March TBD, and the sacraments will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 6, 2027. OCIC Year 2 children in need of **Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion** will receive all their sacraments at the Easter Vigil on March 27, 2027. More details will follow. (* - Tentative)

Program Cost: \$50 for one child, \$90 for two children, or \$125 for three or more children in a family.

Documents to complete and submit to the office by AUGUST 24, 2026:

- 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 upon registration is required.
- Parental Agreement of Commitment (signed)
- Photo release form (signed)

Documents to completed and submitted by January 1, 2027:

- Sponsor information form (for children preparing for Baptism or Confirmation this year)

Holy Ghost Parish Sacramental Prep (RE/CCD) for 2026-2027

Level (Year) 1 – Baptized, need 1st Reconciliation; **OCIC Year 1** – *Baptism in 2028

Level (Year) 2 & O.C.I.C. – Must have completed Year 1 in 2025-2026

Schedule for Fall 2026

Schedule for Winter/Spring 2027

LEVEL (Year) 1 & 2 and OCIC

August 30 Parent Meeting

September 6 **NO CLASS**
13 **WELCOME / Books**
20 Class
27 Class

October 4 Class
11 **NO Class**
18 Class
25 Class

November 1 Class
8 Class
15 Class
22 Class
29 **NO Class**

December 6 Class
13 Class
20 Class – PARTY!
27 **NO Class**

January 3 Class –**Welcome Back**
10 Class
17 Class
24 Class
31 Class

February 7 Class
14 **NO Class**
21 Class
28 Class

March 7 Class
14 Class
21 Class –**PALM SUNDAY**
28 **EASTER**

April 4 DM Sunday / Class
11 Class
18 Class
25 Class

May 2 **LAST Class**

Application for Religious Education, 2026-27

Holy Ghost Catholic Church

1900 California Street

Denver, CO 80202

Child's Information - Please **PRINT** Clearly

Last Name: _____

First + Middle: _____

AGE / DOB:

Grade/School:

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

Date of Baptism:

Church of Baptism:

Church Address (if not HG)

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 ___

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

Cost: ___1 child, \$50

___2 children, \$90

___3+ children, \$125

Office Use Only:

Date Received _____ Amount Paid _____ Cash ___ Check # _____ Online _____

Parental Commitment ___ Baptismal Certificate ___ Photo Release _____

Sponsor Forms _____ Saint Name _____

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Parental Agreement of Commitment 2026-2027
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).

Parent Signature

Date

Director of Religious Education Initial

Date

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Permission to Use Photographs 2026-2027

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, **I DO NOT** grant permission.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Address _____

Date _____