



**St. Richard Parish
Religious Education**

POLICY ON HOME-STUDY

St. Richard's has some 400 children in Religious Education at this time. Our professional staff provide the best program possible and St. Richard's is very fortunate in that way.

However from time to time we receive a request for home study because of different reasons. This policy tries to address this in both an administrative and pastoral way. Other activities for children (sports, dance, etc.) are vying for attention and it is difficult for parents to keep a balance in activities. We hope that your child's religious education remains the top priority and we will do everything we can to assist you. The policy below will take effect in the Fall of 2009. Each request must be made before September (this year being the exception) and each request will be handled by the Pastor.

POLICY

1. There can be no home-study in the years of sacramental preparation
2nd Grade ~ First Communion
5th Grade ~ Sacrament of Penance
9th and 10th Grade ~ Sacrament of Confirmation
2. To qualify for home-study, parents must be willing to supervise the work that is assigned for the home. The work must be presented on a monthly basis to the parish so that it can be checked for thoroughness and completion.
3. Each child enrolled in home-study must be attending Mass every weekend. Each child will be asked to sign-in each weekend when they arrive at Mass. In addition, parents must be registered, attending parishioners themselves.
4. The home-study participants will meet on a regularly scheduled basis with the Pastor for a group session. (Time to be determined)
5. An evaluation of each student will be made at the end of each academic semester to review compliance and progress.
6. St. Richard's will make every effort to work with parents and children to make this a positive and productive experience.

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