

July, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The purpose of the Experience Religion (ER) parish-based catechetical program is to aid parents in helping them make their children's faith become living, conscious and active through the light of instruction.

Our parish embraces the call to discipleship by living the Christian ideal through stewardship. We hand this apostolic tradition to our children by living a stewardship way of life through the willing offering of our time, talent, and treasure to the family of Our Lady of the Ridge. Participation at Liturgy of the Mass and use of offertory envelopes is the highest form of prayer and worship for Catholics. The reception of the Blessed Sacrament in the Holy Eucharist is the spiritual nourishment that sustains us for the living of life. ***This is explained in the Stewardship Covenant that you will sign when registering your child/ren for this year of Experience Religion.***

FOR REGISTRATION TO BE ACCEPTED, ALL FEES ARE DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION. All fees from the previous year must be paid. If, for whatever reason, payment of fees cannot be made at registration, please contact Joseph Dillon, parish Business Manager at jdillon@archchicago.org. A mutually agreed upon arrangement must be in place prior to registration acceptance. NOTE: Even though \$85 dollars is charged for each student, the actual cost to the parish of educating each ER student is \$535.00. The difference between what is charged and the actual cost is covered by church offertory collections and the parish raffle. This difference is referred to as the parish "subsidy." All ER families are required to "share" in this subsidy. To offset this "share" requirement, you are allowed to submit one raffle ticket in the 2017 parish raffle.

Sessions are held on Sunday mornings at 8am – 9:15am in the school. Sessions run from September to April.

All other additional information will be given out at the first day of class on September 11, 2016.

The Catechists and I look forward to journeying with your family on this walk of faith.

Please fill out the stewardship covenant and registration forms with full payment and return to the ER office in the Parish Center or to our rectory. If you have any questions please contact Kim Geisser at 708-425-0250. Kim is available M T and F at 9am until 4pm.

Peace
Catherine Marth, CRE

___ RE-REGISTRATION

___ NEW REGISTRATION

**STEWARDSHIP COVENANT
OUR LADY OF THE RIDGE
EXPERIENCE RELIGION PROGRAM
2016-2017**

**ALL 2016-17 REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 13, 2016. STEWARDSHIP COVENANT AND
REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE RETURNED TO THE ER OFFICE IN THE PARISH CENTER
OR TO THE RECTORY.**

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL INCUR A \$50.00 LATE FEE.

Family Name _____ Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone# _____

Our Lady of the Ridge Parish Experience Religion (ER) Program provides quality spiritual formation and an excellent Christian Catholic environment that is conducive for the faith growth of our parish children. The Parish community commits itself to the ministry of Catholic religious education and formation providing both spiritual and financial support to the Parishioners and their child(ren) who embraces a “Stewardship Way of Life.”

A Parishioner is defined as a Catholic who is a registered member of the Our Lady of the Ridge Parish Family who understands and commits to living a Stewardship way of life. This means putting Jesus first in all aspects of our life. Accepting Jesus as the priority means

- *We attend Saturday/Sunday Mass WEEKLY as a Family and use offertory envelopes.*
- *We strive to tithe 8% of our time to Prayer.*
- *We strive to tithe 8% of our talent as a Volunteer in the Parish.*
- *We strive to tithe 8% of our treasure giving willingly of our gross household income to support our Catholic Church.*

Understanding that each Parishioner’s individual circumstance is different, the level of Stewardship participation will also be different.



The signatures below signify a promise to live as a Steward of Jesus Christ to the best of our abilities as a Catholic Family and as Pastor of the Parish Family. Please check appropriate participation.

_____ We are Parishioners of Our Lady of the Ridge who choose to accept a “Stewardship Way of Life,” will pay required fees.

OR

_____ We are Parishioners who choose not to accept a “Stewardship Way of Life,” and will pay the full cost of \$535.00 for each registered child(ren) for religious formation.

**Program Fee - \$ 85.00/child Sacramental Fee for First Eucharist - \$ 30.00/child
Parish Subsidy Share - \$ 100.00/family**

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Pastor Signature

Date

OUR LADY OF THE RIDGE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM 2016-2017

Our Lady of the Ridge Experience Religion Program is designed to assist parents in the Catholic formation of their children.

Is your family registered with Our Lady of the Ridge Parish? If you don't have an Envelope # call the Rectory at 708-425-3800 to register with the parish (Note: family must be registered before enrolling in ER Program.) YES _____; Envelope # _____ NO _____; contact rectory and register with parish.

All forms must be filled out appropriately, with attached baptism certificates.

Names of Children registering for 2016 - 2017 ER PROGRAM

	Level
	Level
	Level
	Level

Parents Information:

Email address: _____

Mother's Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Mother's Cell Phone# _____ Mother's Religion _____

Father's Name _____ Father's Cell Phone # _____

Father's Religion _____

Parent's Marital Status: (Please Circle)

MARRIED SEPARATED DIVORCED WIDOWED REMARRIED SINGLE

Student(s) Live With: (Please Circle) Both Parents Mother Father Guardian

In case of an Emergency, who is to be notified other than a parent:

Name	Relationship	Phone #
Last	to the Child	
First		

**OUR LADY OF THE RIDGE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM 2016-2017**

FAMILIES: PLEASE PRINT THIS PAGE FOR EACH CHILD ATTENDING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Custody Issues: If parents are divorced or separated, the ER program presumes that both parents have access to the child(ren) and to the child(ren) records unless one parent can provide a document that he/she has the sole right. All information must be filled out below if you're married, divorced or separated.

Children's Information: (Oldest to youngest)

Name: _____ Copy of certified/separation agreement ___Yes___ No
Last First Copy of Guardianship agreement ___Yes___ No

Date of Birth _____ **Place of Birth** _____

Grade Level Entering _____ School Attending _____

Physical Disability ___Yes___ No Explain _____

Learning Disability ___Yes___ No Explain _____

Does Child have and IEP/504 Form? ___Yes___ No Copy of First Page provided ___Yes___ No

Date of Baptism _____ **Church of Baptism** _____

City & State of Baptism _____ **Copy of Baptism Certificate** ___Yes___ No

Other Sacraments Received: (Please give church, city and state):

Eucharist ___Yes___ No _____ Date _____

Confirmation ___Yes___ No _____ Date _____

Reconciliation ___Yes___ No _____ Date _____

Was your child enrolled in a Religious Education Program last year? ___Yes___ No

If yes, what parish? _____

Supply a copy of transfer information from program ___Yes___ No