

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM  
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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM POLICIES**

**Mass Attendance:**

All children in our program are expected to attend Mass weekly.

**Class Attendance:**

Consistent attendance is essential in order for adequate instruction to take place.

- More than 4 absences during the school year may necessitate that the student repeat the grade.
- A written note from the parent is required for all absences, a doctor's note for extended medical absences.
- Leaving class early is discouraged as instructional time is highly valued.
- Make-up work will be assigned for missed classes.

**Early Dismissal:**

A signed, written request from the parent is required for early dismissal for all students. Parents must sign the students out before leaving.

**Location of program:**

Saturday morning classes for Grades K-8 and Grade 9 Confirmation 1 class (C1) will be held in the Frankford Township Public School from 8:30-10:30am. For security reasons, doors will be locked at 8:45 and unlocked at 10:15 for dismissal. Parents are not allowed to go directly to the classrooms during class sessions. No food or drink will be allowed in the Frankford School classroom during sessions.

Saturday morning classes for Grade 10 Confirmation 2 class (C2) will be held in OLQP Church Hall from 8:30-10:30am.

**Parking:**

Grades 1-9 please use the back parking lot of the Frankford Township Public School.  
Grade 10 please use the OLQP Church parking lot.

**Calendar:**

The Religious Education Program Calendar is included in the Parent September Packet as separate document. Please also find it on our website at [www.olqpbranchville.org](http://www.olqpbranchville.org)

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**Dress Code:**

Modest attire is required.

**Inclement Weather:**

Program closures due to inclement weather will be posted on our website, [www.olqpbranchville.org](http://www.olqpbranchville.org) by 7am the morning of class. Closings will also be announced on WSUS -102.3 FM and posted on their website under closings and delays at <http://wsus1023.iheart.com/features/closings-and-delays-1423/>. It will be your responsibility to check the above websites. Please do not call the rectory.

**Inappropriate Behavior:**

Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. Any student engaging in disrespectful and/or inappropriate behaviors will be sent to Father Ed or the CRE, and the parent will be called to come pick up the student.

**Cell Phones, IPODs, Electronic Devices:**

Cell phones, iPod, or other electronic devices may only be used in case of an emergency, or upon administrative discretion.

**Curriculums:**

Grades 1-8 will be using the **Faith and Life Series** from Ignatius Press.

Grade 9 Confirmation 1 class will be using the Matthew Kelly **Decision Point Program** from Dynamic Catholic.

Grade 10 Confirmation 2 class will be using **Chosen** from Ascension Press.

**Text Books:**

Textbook should be treated with respect. Children in grades 1-8 should not write in or on their textbooks, and are expected to return their books in good condition the last week of class.

**Sacraments:**

The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in Grade 10 after a consecutive two-year program. Please see attached program calendar for Sacramental dates.

**Sacramental Retreats:**

Retreats for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation will be conducted by the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco at the Sacred Heart Spirituality Center in Newton NJ. Specific information regarding the dates, times, and locations of these retreats will be included in a separate notification.