

St. Philip Neri PREP Homeschooling Contract
2026-2027

Family Name: _____

Child(ren)'s Name(s) and Religious Education Level(s): _____

We agree to the following responsibilities as part of St. Philip Neri Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) and in accordance with the Guidelines for Home-Based Catechesis of Children from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia:

1. Enrollment & Administrative Requirements

- ☐ **Archdiocesan Guidelines:** We understand that home-based catechesis follows Archdiocesan Guidelines and is **not** available for Sacramental preparation.
- ☐ **Pastor & DRE Approval:** We have secured formal approval from the Pastor and/or DRE to homeschool our child(ren).
- ☐ **PREP Registration:** We have formally enrolled in PREP and paid all applicable fees.
- ☐ **Mandatory Parent Meeting:** We will attend the mandatory Homeschool Parent Meeting on **Sunday, September 20 at 10:30 AM** in the school cafeteria.

2. Liturgical & Parish Life Participation

- ☐ **Mass Attendance:** We will regularly attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation as a family.
- ☐ **Parish Involvement:** Our child(ren) will actively participate in scheduled Parish Prayer Services, Confession, and scheduled Family Masses (please see other side for details).

3. Curriculum & Catechist Certification

- ☐ **Required Textbook:** We will use the mandatory textbook series: Loyola Press *Christ Our Life: Families in Mission Edition* (2024).
- ☐ **Primary Catechist Certification:** As the primary catechist, I will pursue Catechetical Certification and ongoing faith formation by completing the following steps:
 1. Go to the [Loyola Press Digital Library](#).
 2. Enter the Access Code: **CFSPHILHOME**
 3. Select **Learning Sessions 1-10** (starting with Session 1).
 4. Email each *Statement of Completion* to **SharonOtto@spnprep.org**.

4. Progress, Assessments, & Communication

- ☐ **DRE Progress Meetings:** We will meet regularly with the DRE to discuss our progress and address any questions.
- ☐ **Weekly/Unit Progress Submission:** We will regularly submit **one** of the following:
 - o **Option A:** Chapter quizzes and unit tests.
 - o **Option B:** Interactive Chapter Reviews completed online via the [Loyola Press Family Resources Portal](#).
- ☐ **Official Assessments:** We will cooperate with evaluations, including Archdiocesan midterms and finals, to verify our child's catechetical progress.

5. Agreement & Accountability

- ☐ **Expectations of Progress:** We understand that not meeting these expectations may result in our child(ren) needing to repeat the level or transition to in-person PREP classes.

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- ☐ **Support & Communication:** If we encounter any difficulty fulfilling these requirements, we will contact the Pastor promptly to explore solutions.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Approved by (Pastor or DRE): _____ Date: _____

Parish Prayer Services, Confessions, and scheduled Family Masses

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event and Time</u>
September 27-29	40 Hours Devotion at 7 PM in the Church
October 4	Grade/Level 3 Family Mass 9:30 AM
October 18	Grade/Level 4 Family Mass 9:30 AM
October 26 or 27	4:30 PM All Souls' Prayer Service and PBJ collection
November 2	7 PM All Souls' Mass of Remembrance, Level 6 can assist
November 16 or 17	4:30 PM Thanksgiving Prayer Service, food collection, and assembly in the school cafeteria
December 5	Breakfast with Santa
December 7	Children's Advent Celebration and Toy Drive 7 PM in the Church followed by social in the school hall
December 10	Parish Confessions at 7PM; Level 3 and above attend
December 13	Grade/Level 6 Family Mass at 9:30 AM
December 15 or 16	PREP Advent Mass at 4:30
January 2	Grade/Level 2 Family Mass at 9:30 AM
January 18	MLK Day of Service 8:30 AM-2PM
February 7	Grade 8 Family Mass at 9:30 AM
February 10	Ash Wednesday at 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 12 PM and 7 PM
February 28	Grade/Level 5 Family Mass at 9:30 AM
Lent	Fridays— 7 PM Stations of the Cross
March 7	Pre-K/K Family Mass at 9:30 AM
March 11	Parish Confessions 7 PM; Level 2 and above attend
March 15 or 16	PREP Lenten Mass and canned food collection at 4:30
March 20	Women's Guild Easter Egg Hunt at Noon
March 25	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7PM
March 26	Morning Prayer 9 AM and Noon Prayer, Good Friday Liturgy 3 PM, Tenebrae 7PM
March 27	Morning Prayer and Blessing of the Easter Food 9 AM
April 4	Grade/Level 1 Family Mass 9:30 AM
April 18	Grade/Level 7 Family Mass 9:30 AM
May 3 or 4	PREP Closing Mass at 4:30 PM