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The mission of North American Martyrs' Religious Education Program is to deepen in our children their awareness and understanding of God's loving presence in their lives and to strengthen in them the Christian message of justice and love.

In the Diocese of Pittsburgh Grades 1st – 8th are mandatory Religious Education years for public school children. Kindergarten is optional and will be offered if we receive enough interest from families. If you have a Kindergarten student, please note that on the registration sheet but do not include that student in the registration fee. If we receive at least 6 students a Kindergarten class will be offered and you will be notified.

Our program focuses on:

- Helping and supporting parents in developing the faith-life of their children.
- Presenting clear concepts of our Catholic faith and doctrine.
- Celebrating our faith through class and community liturgies.
- Imparting an awareness and understanding of Sacred Scripture and its significance on Christian living.
- Reinforcing, nurturing and strengthening Christian values.
- Working with parents in preparing children for meaningful reception of the Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation.

In order to assist parents in their roles as the primary religious educators of their children catechesis is offered through formal and informal classroom experiences, based on the Diocesan Graded Course of Study. The purpose of our program is to foster growth toward a mature Catholic faith. This is to be accomplished by transmitting the Christian message, forming a faith community, service to others, and providing opportunities for worship. This is supported through the study of Scripture, liturgy, doctrine, history, and through the life experiences of the parent and student.

Weekly Mass attendance is one of the most important components of a child's Faith Formation. In addition to Sunday Mass, there are some other Faith Formation Requirements. Program requirements are:

- Good classroom attendance
- Make-up Work completed and submitted for any missed classes
- Diocesan Personal Safety Curriculum (Grades 1-4) or Catholic Vision of Love (Grades 5-8)
- Advent and Lent Reconciliation during designated class session

By Diocesan policy, “Students with inconsistent attendance or chronic absenteeism will not be permitted to progress to the next level unless sufficient catechetical formation appropriate to that grade level is demonstrated to those responsible for catechesis in the parish.” A history of incomplete years for a student is a cause for concern especially leading up to and including Sacramental Preparation years and will require additional work to make sure the student is fully prepared.

September 14, 2016 classes begin (see attached schedule) we meet on Wednesday evenings 6:45 to 8:00 in North American Martyrs School.

Registration fees are as follows: 1 child \$50.00 2 children \$70.00 3+ children \$85.00
Please make checks payable to North American Martyrs Religious Education

Drop off procedure:

ALL TRAFFIC SHOULD ENTER VIA HAYMAKER ENTRANCE

For the safety of the children drop off at the school entrance is preferred for Grades 1 - 4
Grade 1 – 4 can be walked to class if desired

Pick up procedure:

Grades 1 – 4 will be dismissed at 7:55 and will be accompanied by their teacher to the school entrance hallway. If the child’s designated adult is not present they will be instructed to sit on the bench outside of the school office hallway until an adult arrives. **NO CHILD WILL BE PERMITTED GRADES 1st – 4th** to leave the building and enter the parking lot without a designated adult.

Grades 5th – 8th will be dismissed at 8:00

- For the safety of the children DeLuca Hall entrance will be locked at 6:55 if student is late admittance to the building will only be available through the school entrance.
- If an early dismissal is required, you must contact the Religious Education Office.
- Diocesan Policy requires a registration form to be filled out each year for students



**North American Martyrs Religious Education (CCD)
Registration 2016-17**

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1) Student Name _____ Grade _____

School District _____ School _____

Student Date of Birth _____ Date of Baptism _____

Church of Baptism _____

(Name and address)

Sacraments Received: First Communion YES NO First Reconciliation YES NO

Allergies or medical concerns _____

2) Student Name _____ Grade _____

School District _____ School _____

Student Date of Birth _____ Date of Baptism _____

Church of Baptism _____

(Name and address)

Sacraments Received: First Communion YES NO First Reconciliation YES NO

Allergies or medical concerns _____

3) Student Name _____ Grade _____

School District _____ School _____

Student Date of Birth _____ Date of Baptism _____

Church of Baptism _____

(Name and address)

Sacraments Received: First Communion YES NO First Reconciliation YES NO

Allergies or medical concerns _____

4) Student Name _____ Grade _____

School District _____ School _____

Student Date of Birth _____ Date of Baptism _____

Church of Baptism _____

(Name and address)

Sacraments Received: First Communion YES NO First Reconciliation YES NO

Allergies or medical concerns _____

IF NOT BAPTIZED AT NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS OR ST. MICHAEL'S A COPY OF
THE BAPTISAMAL CERTIFICATE IS NEEDED

FAMILY INFORMATION

Family Address _____

Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____ Maiden _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Mother Cell _____ Father Cell _____

Preferred Cell Number (s) to receive texts (Circle preference) Mom Cell Dad Cell Both

Additional Emergency Contact Information

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Registered Member of North American Martyrs Parish YES NO

If no, please provide the Parish registered member _____

Periodically photos of classrooms and students will be taken during CCD classes and/or during events and activities the students will be a part of which may or may not be published on the NAM Facebook Page and/or Newsletter or Website. If you choose not to have your child(ren) photos taken, please sign below.

Please indicate any family issues or special situations that the Religious Education Office would be in need of knowing to better ensure the safety and education of your child(ren).
