

**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE PARISH**  
**Religious Education Program**  
**1400 Main Street**  
**Leominster, MA 01453-6624**  
**978-345-7469 ext. 155**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for entrusting your child to us! This year we had a very difficult decision to make regarding our registration fees. Our Finance Committee has found that it actually costs over \$200. per student to carry out our program. This leaves a significant deficit, which is carried by the parishioners who attend Mass and use envelopes or Parish Pay. Because a large number of families who come for religious education do not attend Mass it has become almost impossible to recover this. As a result we have had to have a slight increase in our fees. However, if you register before May 1, you will be able to take advantage of the reduced fee and still pay less than last year's rates!

Our current fees are: REGISTRATION FEE (after May 1<sup>st</sup>): \$85.00 PER CHILD MAXIMUM OF \$185.00 PER FAMILY  
DISCOUNTED FEE by May 1<sup>st</sup>. \$75.00 PER CHILD MAXIMUM OF \$155.00 PER FAMILY  
Kindergarten children are charged \$20. which covers the cost of their books.

**Your child is always our priority. We want to stress that if the fee presents a hardship, please return the registration form now and send the fee when you are able. Please communicate with Fr. Dennis or me (Lsciacca@ourladylake.org), to have the fee waived, reduced or paid in installments if needed. I want to assure you that your ability to pay has no impact on how we celebrate the gift of your child to our parish!**

**Parochial School children celebrate sacraments in their home parish community and not in their school community.** The diocese requires that students attend classes in the parish in preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist in Gr. 2, and Confirmation in High School. Fees need to be paid only in those years. If your child attends Parochial School, even if your child will not attend class this year, **please complete a form without the fee** so we can invite you to retreats and meetings that will keep your child part of the community and keep you informed about what is needed for sacramental preparation.

Our schedule for the 2017-2018 school year, which starts the last week in September, will be as follows:

High School Classes	- Sunday evenings once or twice a month 6 - 9 PM
Grades 6, 7 & 8	- Monday evenings 6:45 - 8:00 PM <b>OR</b> a <u>limited number</u> of spaces on Tuesday afternoons 4:15-5:15 PM
Grades 1- 5	- Monday <b>OR</b> Tuesday afternoons 4:15- 5:15 PM
Kindergarten	- First Sunday/month during the 9:40 AM Mass Oct. - April
Beginnings Class	- Sunday mornings 8:30 am-9:30 am followed by the 9:45 am Mass

**Our Staff is in the office on a very limited basis over the summer, and it is very challenging to keep up with the onslaught of late forms.** In order for us to recruit teachers, purchase supplies, update each child's records we ask that you **PLEASE, please....RETURN YOUR FORM BEFORE MAY 1!** even if you need to **send your payment in later!** Forms are dated as we receive them and scheduling preference is given in that order. If you register early and your fall schedule changes we will be able to change your choice of day until mid-August. We will mail the complete calendar in early September.

Our most heartfelt prayer is that you would increase your contribution by attending Mass and becoming a participating member in time, talent and treasure.

**For Your Records:**

Gr. 1-5 Day Choice:

Reg. Date:                      Paid:

His Peace!

Lisa Sciacca, DRE