

Sts. Bruno and Richard Parish Longlife Formation Program Parent Agreement 2024-2025



Dear families:

Welcome! We are pleased that you have chosen to enroll your child in our Longlife Formation Program. Our program aims to work with the Holy Spirit in Making Disciples, Building Communities and Inspiring Witness. In doing so, we hope to cultivate lifelong learners in the faith that, in turn, will share their faith with those they encounter in their daily lives. As a Church community we are honored to embark this faith journey together.

The Archdiocese of Chicago guidelines state that participants must attend two years of formation instruction before receiving the Sacrament of Communion or Confirmation. Our program begins in September and ends in May of the following year.

1. Attendance

Mass attendance

Students enrolled in our Lifelong Formation Program are required to attend Sunday Mass each week. All students receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation must attend Sunday Mass.

Class attendance

Regular and prompt attendance at all scheduled classes is expected for the full class period, which is from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesday or Thursday evenings. Students will be allowed to enter Saint Bruno School building at 6:15 pm. They will be dismissed at 8:00 pm.

After three (3) unexcused absences, participants will be considered for termination from the Lifelong Formation Program. An interview with the Director and the Pastor will be required for reinstatement.

Guidelines for Parents

It is important for parents and catechists to support and encourage each other. Parents should communicate any special needs or circumstances that may affect a participant within a classroom. We expect parents to be an active part of the faith formation process by reviewing materials with their children and being a good Catholic role model by setting a good moral example through prayer and attendance at Mass each weekend with their children.

Custody issues

If parents are divorced or separated, the Longlife Formation Program presumes that both parents have access to the children unless one parent provides that he or she has the sole right. If there are other custody arrangements, a copy of such an agreement must be on file in the parish Longlife Formation Office.

Parenting workshop

Parents are also required to attend at least three (3) parenting workshops the Religious Education will offer throughout the academic year. These workshops aim to offer socio-psychological support so that parents can build a better relationship with their children. Please see the calendar for dates and times.

Behavior policy

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner befitting a student in a Catholic Christian environment. They must respect the authority of the Catechist as a teacher, respect each other, and respect school and parish property. Vulgarity, profanity, or any disrespectful verbal behavior will not be tolerated. Fighting or any other behavior which is detrimental to the welfare, safety, and morals of others will not be tolerated.

Misbehavior in the classroom will be handled by the Catechist. If a student is consistently disruptive, the Director will be asked to assist in handling the problem. Proper conduct is also required on parish grounds outside the classroom as students arrive and are dismissed from classes.

Students should come to class dressed properly. All dress should speak in a manner of respect for self and others. Cell phones must be turned off during class time and be kept in a school bag or purse. Students who text message, make or receive phone calls during class will have their phone taken away from them until class is over.

Being prepared for class

Your children must come to class prepared, which means that they must bring their workbook, folder, a pen and/or pencil with them to class every week. Occasionally a teacher may also request special supplies such as crayons, scissors or glue depending on their assignment plan.

Assignments

Assignments are given to the students at the discretion of the classroom teacher. Students are responsible for completing all assignments given to them. As in all other subjects, the purpose of homework is to reinforce the material taught and to prepare the student for the upcoming lessons. Confirmation candidates should complete 30 hours of community service.

Tuition and fees

Lifelong Formation payments help to cover the cost of books and operating our program. Tuition rates are adjusted annually to help to meet our increasing costs. Tuition must be paid before the program starts. No refunds will be allowed after the school year has already started.

Fee Schedule	Register before Aug 2 (20% savings)	Late Registration Rate
Registration Fee	\$50 per child	\$60 per child
One Child	\$250	\$300
Two Children	\$350	\$420
Three Children	\$450	\$540
Sacramental Fee (2nd Yr Communion)	\$50 per child	\$60 per child
Sacramental Fee (2nd Yr Confirmation)	\$75 per child	\$90 per child

Photographs: Use and publication

We will frequently take pictures of students' activities for the parish publications. Before these pictures can be published, we must have your authorization as their parents or guardians. Please check the appropriate box on the registration form.

7. Amendments

Statements in this agreement are subject to amendment with or without notice. The Lifelong Formation Program will attempt to keep parents informed of all changes as soon as possible; however, some changes might be made immediately due to unforeseen circumstances.

I have read the Lifelong Formation Agreement for the 2024-2025 academic year and agree to abide by it.		
Print name of Student	Grade	
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Printed name of Parent / Guardian	Date	