

# St. Laurence Home Study Program Requirements

(2017-2018)

The St. Laurence Home Study program is offered for PreK3 years up to High School for families to support parents desiring to teach their child at home for their ongoing faith formation. As the primary catechist for your children, the home study program is a fabulous way for your children to grow in the faith through your witness to them.

## Requirements to Complete:

### **1) Attend the Home Study Parent Orientation in the *Marian Hall of the Ave Maria Center***

✓ **September 18, 2017 from 7-8 pm**

One parent must attend this session to receive the textbook and resources for the Home Study program.

### **2) Complete weekly lessons at home**

The parent must commit to spending time weekly preparing for and discussing the assigned lesson with their child for the “in home” sessions. Teaching one lesson per week will ensure that you meet the check points for the program year.

### **3) Attend the four Enrichment Sessions, Mondays from 7-8 pm, in the *Marian Hall of the Ave Maria Center***

At these sessions, there will be a short presentation to support you in teaching your children the faith, as well as an opportunity to answer questions. These meetings will be counted as attendance for your children by facilitating a check point in the program to ensure that the materials are being covered. The dates of our sessions are as follows:

- ✓ **October 23, 2017: “How to Respond to a Child/Teen Crisis: Proven Strategies Under Trial by Fire,”** by Steven Brown, MS, LSSP, LPA
- ✓ **November 27, 2017: “Learning Styles: Maximizing Meaning by Engaging Interest,”** by Cindy Martin, Assistant CCE Coordinator and Coordinator of Ministry to Persons with Disabilities
- ✓ **January 29, 2018: “Serving the Lord as a Family,”** by Pennie DeGroot, SCM Director, St. Laurence Catholic Church
- ✓ **April 23, 2018: “Praying Without Ceasing,”** by Shawn and Tracy Kelly, Parishioners

## How to Receive Credit

To receive credit for the year, you will need to bring your child’s textbook to each enrichment session in order to show progress that has been made since the last meeting. Feel free to either work through the textbook activities, complete chapter assessments on-line or complete and bring/take pictures of crafts, projects, etc. that you have done as part of your child’s lessons.

## Important Notice on Receiving Credit

Since there is no weekly attendance to track formation for your child, it is essential that the textbook lessons are completed as well as parental attendance at the enrichment sessions confirmed in order to receive credit for completing the Home Study year of formation. Full completion of the Home Study program is required, particularly if it is being completed in the year of sacrament preparation. Losing credit for the formation year may lead to a delay in celebrating the sacraments that year. **Please be in communication with the grade level**

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coordinator if you cannot attend the enrichment session and we will provide an opportunity for making up the session after the fact by listening to the posted audio of the presentation.

**For more information, please contact the RE Staff at 281-265-5774.**