

**Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Religious Education Program Bethlehem, PA**

September 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

May God’s peace be with you as we begin the 2024-2025 Assumption PREP season! Our prayer is that your children and your entire family will benefit from the support we offer in assisting you in your God-given vocation of Catholic parenting.

In an effort to communicate well with parents and guardians while practicing good Christian stewardship, we try to be “as paperless as possible.” Thus, catechists will update you about happenings in their group via email and most newsletters and other communications will be posted on the parish website. We urge you to check your email and the parish website weekly for any new communications we may post. If you do not have Internet access, complete the section at the bottom of this page to indicate that so we can supply you with paper copies of handouts and newsletters.

With the beginning of this new PREP season, we ask that you complete the following tasks:

1. Read the 2024-2025 **Assumption BVM Parish Religious Education Handbook**, copies of which are available at the first PREP session & to be posted on the parish website ([www.assumptionbethlehem.com](http://www.assumptionbethlehem.com)) by Sept. 25.
2. Complete the bottom portion of this letter to indicate that you have read and will give your best effort to comply with the policies and procedures in the PREP handbook.
3. Complete the section at the bottom of this page where we ask permission to use pictures of your child/children in displays and publicity we may seek in the press (e.g., the *AD Times*).
4. Provide us with e-mails address(es) you want us to use to communicate with you (also at the bottom of this page).
5. Complete the attached emergency card; return it with the bottom portion of this letter.
6. Consult the parish website for our PREP calendar. I suggest printing out a copy for easy reference.
7. Pray frequently for your parish catechetical team, starting with our pastor, the lead catechist of our parish.

Please contact anyone on our Religious Education staff with your questions or concerns. May our ABVM PREP families and catechetical team continue to work in faith-filled collaboration for the loving, just faith formation of our children and youth. Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in raising your children to be loyal Catholic disciples of Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace,

*Christina B. Durback*

Christina Durback, Director of Religious Education

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Please return this portion of this letter to the Religious Education Office by **September 30, 2022**.

**Part 1: Please check this blank after reading the Assumption BVM Parish Religious Education Handbook.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we, have read the Assumption BVM Parish Religious Education Handbook and agree to comply with the policies/procedures therein.

**Part 2: Check one:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we give permission for our child/children’s image(s) and name(s) to be used in displays and photos that may be published in the *AD Times* or other newspapers or periodicals.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we do not wish to have our child/children’s image(s) and name(s) to be used in displays and photos that may be published in the *AD Times* or other newspapers or periodicals.

**Part 3: Check only if you do not have Internet access.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we do not have Internet access and request that all newsletters and communications posted on the parish website be sent to our family in paper copy via the youngest/only child in PREP.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/Children in PREP:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>PREP Group</u>
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____

Parent/Guardian Signatures: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email(s) to which we should send all notices: 1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_