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CATECHISM PROGRAMME 2021-22

Registration Form

Please return the online Catechism Registration form ('Catechism Registration' on the Catechism section of our website) as soon as possible - one per family – so that we can order the books and organise the classes. Your child's place will only be guaranteed upon receipt of the completed form.

Expectations and Commitment

Our programme is the least demanding in the region but, even then, we accept that it won't suit everyone. If you do wish to enrol your child/ren we ask for your commitment to the programme, as follows:

- to do all you can to avoid missing classes, of which there are just 16 per year (and only 4 in ski season we do not expect students to skip all 4 lessons in ski season).
- to make sure your children arrive in class promptly at 9.30am. It's disruptive to all present when students arrive up to 20 minutes late.
- to stay for Mass afterwards; our catechism programme presumes attendance at the 10.30am Mass on catechism Sundays. We accept that occasionally this might not be possible but missing Mass should be the exception, not the norm. The large number of families leaving straight after class is noticed.
- to inform the teacher (cc: <u>englishmission@hotmail.com</u>) as soon as possible if an absence can't be avoided. Teacher contact details will be provided in early September.

The diocese expects our First Holy Communion and Confirmation students to have had two years of preparation and so, to comply with that requirement and to ensure they're adequately prepared, *students in those sacrament preparation classes who miss* 4+ *classes per year will be invited to repeat the year*.

Schedule

The class schedule will be on the home page of our website - please check it regularly to avoid accidentally missing classes.

Catechism Fees

Catechism fees* can be paid via TWINT (catechism code available on the About Us/Donate page of our website), bulletin de versement, available from Pam, or online: BCV, a/c no: 10-725-4, IBAN: CH08 0076 7000 K534 3156 6; a/c name: English Catholic Mission – please put Catechism as the reference for online payments. No cash payments please. *CHF100 per child or CHF250 for families with three or more children in the Programme.

Baptism Certificates

We will need to see baptism certificates of all the children who will receive their First Holy Communion or who will be Confirmed in 2022. These can be obtained from the parish where your child was baptised.

Children's Masses

There are six children's Mass throughout the year and we ask that you encourage your children to take part so that they can play a central role in the liturgy. Notices of forthcoming children's Masses appear in the weekly bulletin, dates of which are asterisked on the schedule overleaf – please get into the habit of volunteering your child/ren when you see the notice rather than waiting to be asked.

We want our children to grow up to be decent, caring and loving Christians but we can't achieve this goal in just sixteen classes a year. So we all have to work together - at home, at Mass, social gatherings, children's liturgy and catechism classes - to provide a solid base for our children's growth in their spiritual journey and to show them that what we do in church is connected to the way that we try to live. It's *your* enthusiasm and *your* Christianity which will rub off on your children.