

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish Religious Education Program
“GET TO KNOW MY CHILD”

Dear Parents,

We recognize that as parents you are the first and primary religious educators of your children. The role of Saint Thomas the Apostle Religious Education and Catechists is to help support and assist you in this ministry. We would like to ask for your assistance in getting to know your child better so as to more effectively support you and them in their faith journey. Please complete the following form (one for each child) and return it to Patti Reynolds, Director of Faith Formation in the Parish Office. Thank you so much!

Student’s Given Name: _____ **Preferred name:** _____

Chronological Age of Student: _____ **Grade in School:** _____ (for next school year)

School Attending: _____ **Parish:** _____

Prior years of Rel.Ed. _____ **Where?** _____

Food allergies/other allergies: _____

Name & grade of siblings in the program: _____

Parents: married divorced separated single widow/widower

With whom does child reside: _____

Mother’s Name: _____ **Religion practiced:** _____

Father’s Name: _____ **Religion practiced:** _____

You and your child are gifts to our program and gifts to the parish itself. Please indicate, at your comfort level, the following helpful information:

1. Tell us about your child. What are the gifts your child brings to you and your family? What are the gifts you see that your child has given to others?

2. Tell us about the special joys your child brings to you. What are some of the things your child likes to do? What are some of the special things, sounds, colors, images, shapes that bring delight to your child?

3. Our Religious Education Programs reach out to those who have challenges and difficulties with movement, learning and behavior. What are some of the challenges your child has at this present time? Be specific, only in the areas that you believe a Catechist or Director of Faith Formation need to understand.

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- 4. In working with your child, we would like to know some helpful suggestions you have that will make the Religious Education classes meaningful for your child. You might indicate special things that we need to look for or do; or you might indicate things that might cause your child to become uncomfortable.**

- 5. Talk about your faith life, prayer life at home and religious practices that you have given to your child. In what ways would you want the Church community and the Religious Education program to assist you in helping your child to grow in their faith at their own level and ability?**

- 6. Family situations that might have an impact on your child (i.e. death of a family member/pet, divorce, etc.)**

- 7. Suggestions for successful learning and discipline methods:**

- 8. Please write a brief description about your hopes for your child's growth in faith this year.**

Thank you, for your assistance!

(Parent Signature)