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August 23, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians;

I hope that this letter finds you and your families safe and healthy. As our world continues to heal, we are asked to contemplate this year's catechetical theme: *"This is my body given for you"* (Lk 22:19).

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word eucharistia, meaning thanksgiving. In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present -- body, blood, soul, and divinity -- under the appearances of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

By his Real Presence in the Eucharist Christ fulfills his promise to be with us *"always, until the end of the age"* (Mt 28:20). In the Eucharist the Church both receives the gift of Jesus Christ and gives grateful thanks to God for such a blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of himself in the celebration of the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine Christ gives us the gift of eternal life.

All grades will meet every Sunday excluding holiday weekends (please refer to the calendar). Classes will take place in the regular classrooms and masks will be optional. I would like to present to you this year's Catechetical Program. The times and sessions have changed this year. I invite you to review the following information:

**Classes for Grades 1 to 4 will meet on Sunday mornings for a 50 minute session. Classes will be from 9:00 AM to 9:50 AM. (Please see the calendar for specific dates.)**

**Classes for Grades 5 to 8 will also meet on Sunday mornings for a 50 minute session. Classes will be from 11:00 AM to 11:50 AM. (Please see the calendar for specific dates.)**

**In most cases there will not be classes on holiday weekends. Please refer to the Religious Education Calendar for specific dates.**

The other critical part of your child's formation is regular attendance at Sunday Mass. We will make every effort to encourage your child's participation at Mass every weekend. Encircled by the parish community, we together can awaken, strengthen, and encourage faith in our children. Your participation and example at Sunday Mass is crucial. Mass will take place between the two different sessions at 10:00 AM.

If you understand our schedule, please return the enclosed registration form to the Parish Office by September 11th. If you would like to volunteer to teach, aide or volunteer your time to any of our programs please let me know.

This is our plan under the current restrictions from the diocese and the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Modifications may have to be made if future restrictions or reduction of restrictions takes place. On behalf of the entire parish, we welcome all our students and look forward to a great start in September.

Sincerely, Rev. Francis L. Pauselli & Brittain Banull, DRE

# Divine Mercy Parish Confirmation Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

New Students Only  
or Updated Information

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

SACRAMENTS	YES/NO	CHURCH	CITY/STATE
Baptism			
Penance			
Eucharist			
Confirmation			

## Family Information

Parent/Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

Father's Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name (Maiden): \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Parents are: (Please check)  Single  Married  Remarried  Separated  Divorced

Who is responsible for full-time care? \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, please contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Is the child on any medications/or are there any health needs that we should be made aware of?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special learning needs of your child which should be communicated to the classroom teacher?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### 2022-2023 Student Fees

First Child	\$40.00	
Additional Children (each)	\$20.00	
Special Donation/Late Fee after October 1	\$10.00 pp	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	

Please fill out **one** Student Registration Form for **each** child with separate fees listed!  
Make one total check payable to Divine Mercy Parish—Thank You!

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

### GRADES 1 to 8 for 2022-2023

Grades 1-4 begin at 9:00 AM to 9:50 AM

Grades 5-8 begin at 11:00 AM to 11:50 AM

### Classes Begin:

September 11

September 18

September 25

October 2

NO CLASS: October 9

October 16

October 23

October 30

November 6

November 13

November 20

NO CLASS: November 27

December 4

December 11

December 18

NO CLASS: December 25

NO CLASS: January 1

January 8

January 15

January 22

January 29

February 5

February 12

NO CLASS: February 19

February 26

March 5

March 12

March 19

March 26

April 2

Easter Sunday: April 9

April 16

Last Class: April 23

### Important Dates:

October 30 Children's Halloween Liturgy 10:00 AM

December 3 Breakfast with Santa 9:00 AM

April 1 First Penance 10:00 AM

April 30 First Eucharist Noon

May 7 May Crowning 10:00 AM