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Requirements for Homeschooling your Child

Dear Parents:

Thank you for choosing the St. Rose Homeschool program for your child. In choosing to do this, you agree to be not only the primary religious educator as a parent, but also the secondary religious educator for your child. You also agree to fulfill the Home School requirements as stipulated by the Diocese of Bridgeport.

- 1) A Home School family must be registered, participating, and contributing member of the parish, and must be registered in the Religious Education Program.
- 2) The Home School Program is available only to faith-filled families who have a legitimate reason for choosing the Home School alternative (e.g. you desire a family faith-learning experience where faith can fully be integrated into daily life and that strengthens family bonds; your child will learn better in a one to one setting; it will provide the opportunity for deeper and more intimate learning and discussion).
- 3) Parents must agree to the terms set forth in this document in order to Homeschool.
- 4) If your child is in a sacramental year (Grades 2, 7 and 8), you must also obtain approval from the Pastor.
 - Please send a separate letter or email to Monsignor Weiss (<u>parishsecretary@strosechurch.com</u>)
 explaining your reasons for wishing to Home School your 2nd, 7th or 8th grader.
 - You will be notified of his approval by the Homeschool Coordinator.
- 5) Children and their Parents who provide Religious Education as part of the Home School program are required to attend the regular meetings that will be determined prior to the start of the Religious Ed School year.

*Please note: Homeschool check in meetings are always held on a day TBD. If this is not a time that you can arrange to attend, please sign up for in person classes.

6) Home School Attendance Policy

Attendance is taken at each Home School check in meeting.

- If a student is absent, it is the responsibility of the parent to contact the Home School Coordinator to set up a date and time to meet to review the student's academic progress.
- If your child is in a sacramental preparation year, you may also be required to meet with your grade level coordinator.
- Due to the small number of required meetings for Home School families, more than one absence will be a consideration for repeating the grade especially in a Sacramental year. (While there are always exceptions e.g., disability, serious or chronic illness; upheaval in the family we believe that multiple absences from these quarterly meetings does not reflect a true desire to fulfill religious education requirements and to prepare children to receive the sacraments.)
- 7) To receive credit for having completed the grade and to advance to the next grade level, Home School students must turn in their completed textbook; attend all Home School meetings; pass all grade level assessments; and if in a Sacramental Year (gr. 2, 7 & 8), complete all assignments and attend required retreats and Masses.