



# Notes from the PREP Office

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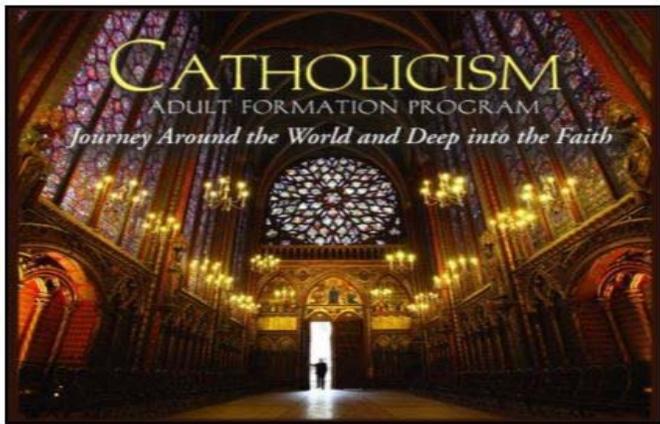
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# PREP Notes

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Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Complete this form and enclose in an envelope labeled "Catholicism" and include a check made payable to **MMR**. Or enroll online at <http://mmredeemer.org/bible-study-registration-1>, and drop payment off at the Parish Office or in the Sunday collection basket.

#### **Please indicate which sessions you plan to attend.**

**Session 1:** Begins on January 16<sup>th</sup> and runs for 4-weeks.

- Tues. AM**, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am, in the PCR
- Tues. PM**, from 4:40 pm to 6:00 pm, in the CEC/Library
- Weds. PM**, from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, in JP II

**Session 2:** Begins on April 10<sup>th</sup>, and runs for 6-weeks.

- Tues. AM**, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am, in the PCR
- Tues. PM**, from 4:40 pm to 6:00 pm, in the CEC/Library
- Weds. PM**, from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, in JP II

## MMR Parish Volunteer Breakfast

Dear MMR Parish Volunteers,

For some time now, Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish has provided an "Appreciation Breakfast for Volunteers" every other year as a way of saying "Thank you!" to the many of you who give so generously of your time and talent to the mission and workings of our wonderful parish. It's a small token of our gratitude, but one that means a lot to us who never want to take your goodness for granted. When the Appreciation Breakfast invitation goes out biennially, I've heard some of you say, "We don't do what we do for MMR to be thanked." I certainly know that. Your love and pride for your parish is quite evident. But coming together for this breakfast (once every other year) is a wonderful way to get to know other volunteers, and to celebrate our common mission; that is, bringing people to a deeper relationship with Christ through their participation in the life of MMR Parish. To this end, please make every effort to sign-up for this year's **Appreciation Breakfast for MMR Parish Volunteers** on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Monsignor John Conway

<http://mmredeemer.org/volunteer-appreciation-breakfast-1>

## Upcoming events:



**January 31<sup>st</sup>:** Wednesday afternoon and Wednesday evening sessions, grades 3-6 will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

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## PREP Handbook Corner

We are down to our last few weeks of the PREP Handbook Corner! We hope you have been enjoying these weekly installments! This weeks topic covers our bullying policy.

### BULLYING POLICY

A safe, secure and respectful educational environment is necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards and build appropriate relationships with others. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer PREP refuses to accept any behaviors that hinder or undermine such an environment. Therefore, acts of harassment, hazing, intimidation and bullying (including cyber bullying and the like) are unacceptable behaviors and are prohibited in our programs. The religious education program personnel cannot monitor the activities of students at all times and eliminate all incidents of bullying between students, particularly when students are not under their direct supervision. However, to the extent such conduct affects the educational environment of the religious education program and the rights and welfare of the students and is within the control of the religious education program in its normal operations, it is Mary, Mother of the Redeemer PREP's intent to prevent bullying and thus, will take action to investigate, respond, discipline and remediate any acts of bullying. Administration and the catechetical staff are to demonstrate appropriate behavior by treating others with civility and respect, and being aware of and not tolerating harassment, intimidation, hazing and bullying, etc. If incidents do occur, students should be able to report and know that the inappropriate behavior will be dealt with promptly and effectively. There will be no retaliation against a victim, reporter or witness.

### Policy

Bullying involves actions or words against another for the purpose of inflicting physical or emotional harm or discomfort or damage to a person's reputation that is intimidating or threatening and affects the learning and school environments. The following describes types of bullying but is not an exhaustive list.

- Hitting, kicking, shoving, spitting, hair pulling, or throwing something

- Getting another person to hit or harm another student
- Teasing, name-calling, making critical remarks or threatening in person or by other means
- Demeaning and making another the victim of jokes
- Making rude and/or threatening gestures
- Excluding or rejecting the student
- Intimidating (bullying), extorting or exploiting
- Spreading harmful rumors or gossip

If the bully is threatening harm, a student should tell a catechist, adult volunteers and/or the Program Director immediately so that action can be taken to remediate the situation. Parents and the Pastor will be notified of the situation, and Law Enforcement Officials will be contacted if warranted (e.g., someone threatened with a weapon, terroristic threats, etc.).

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