



ST. JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC LEARNING

Family Handbook
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St. John Paul II, Pray for Us!



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*“Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be
—and becoming that person.” — St. Therese of Lisieux*



WELCOME

Dear Families,

Welcome to St. John Paul II Catholic Learning. We are honored to walk alongside your family in the sacred work of educating and forming your children in truth, beauty, and goodness. Our program exists to support parents in their God-given role as the primary educators of their children, offering a Christ-centered, classical learning environment rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Our hope is to cultivate a community where children are known, loved, challenged, and encouraged to grow academically, spiritually, and personally. Through prayer, relationship, and rich learning experiences, we seek to form students who pursue truth, practice virtue, and live with courage and charity.

Through the pursuit of beauty, truth, and goodness, we seek to form not only capable students, but faithful, thoughtful, and virtuous young people—all for the Glory of God.

We look forward to partnering with your family this year.

With Joy In Jesus and Mary,
Whitney Fleming
Director, St. John Paul II Catholic Learning

*“There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is Curiosity.
There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is Vanity.
There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is Love.”*
—St. Bernard of Clairvaux



STATEMENT OF FAITH

St. John Paul II Catholic Learning follows the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church as outlined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The Apostles' Creed summarizes our beliefs.

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Our classes will be taught from this perspective, and the Catholic faith will permeate our learning. Signing the agreement page means you will abide by the teachings of the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, including those related to moral teachings.



MISSION AND IDENTITY

Mission Statement

St. John Paul II Catholic Learning exists to support Catholic homeschool families by providing a classical, Christ-centered learning community that forms students in virtue, wisdom, and a love of truth.

Catholic Identity

Our program is faithfully Catholic in teaching, prayer, and practice. Instruction, materials, and community life reflect the teachings of the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. Prayer is woven into the rhythm of each day, and students are encouraged to grow in reverence, charity, humility, and responsibility.

Homeschool Partnership

Parents remain the primary educators of their children. St. John Paul II Catholic Learning serves as a support program that partners with families to provide instruction, planning resources, and community.



IN-PERSON LEARNING

St. John Paul II Catholic Learning offers small-group, in-person instruction combined with curriculum guidance and parent support. In-Person learning serves Catholic homeschool families in the North Dallas area. Families may choose two, three, or four in-person learning days per week, supported by thoughtfully prepared lesson plans and curated resources that equip parents in their role as primary educators.

Each on-site learning day begins and ends with prayer, grounding our work in gratitude, humility, and trust in God. Instruction is personalized to meet each student's academic needs, honoring individual strengths while encouraging diligence, responsibility, and perseverance.

Through the pursuit of beauty, truth, and goodness, we seek to form not only capable students, but faithful, thoughtful, and virtuous young people—all for the Glory of God.

Full-Time Enrollment (4 Days/Week)

Monday–Thursday, 8:00 AM–2:00 PM

Children in grades Kindergarten - 6th Grade

Part-Time Enrollment (3 Days/Week)

Tuesday–Thursday, 8:00 AM–2:00 PM

Children in grades Kindergarten - 6th Grade

Part-Time Enrollment (2 Days/Week)

Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 AM–2:00 PM

Children in grades Kindergarten - 6th Grade

In-person classes are held in a private, home-based learning environment in McKinney, Texas. The address is provided to enrolled families only.

“Every one of us needs half an hour of prayer a day, except when we are busy—then we need an hour.”

—St. Francis De Sales



EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Rooted in a blended Classical and Charlotte Mason approach, our program emphasizes rich language, thoughtful learning, and the formation of wisdom and virtue. Everything we do is intentionally Catholic in its worldview, with faith naturally woven into every subject and daily activity. Lessons are thoughtfully individualized to meet each student's academic needs, honoring their strengths while encouraging diligence, responsibility, and perseverance. Through the pursuit of beauty, truth, and goodness, we seek to form not only capable students, but faithful, thoughtful, and virtuous young people - all for the Glory of God.

PRIMARY (Kindergarten - 2nd Grade)

The Primary years invite children into a world of wonder, curiosity, and joyful learning. Rooted in Catholic tradition, our program blends strong academics with hands-on science, delightful art, meaningful religious exploration, and the beauty of handwriting and music, creating a nurturing foundation for lifelong learning.

GRAMMAR (3rd Grade - 6th Grade)

During the Grammar stage, students begin to ask deeper questions and make meaningful connections across subjects. Through strong academics, guided discussion, and hands-on exploration, we nurture curiosity, confidence, and a growing sense of responsibility. Faith and learning are woven together as students grow in knowledge, character, and love of truth.

	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade										
Religion	Baltimore Catechism, Sacred Scripture, Life of the Saints																
Literature	Children's Classical Literature Linguistic Development through Poetry Memorization																
Language Arts	Phonics, Handwriting, Beginning Spelling			Grammar, Reading, Spelling, Handwriting/Cursive													
Latin	Greek and Latin Roots			Latina Christiana													
Social Studies/History	Geography	Yearly Rotation: The Ancient World, The Medieval World, Making the Modern World, United States History															
Mathematics	Singapore, Abeka, or The Good and the Beautiful Mathematics																
Science	Hands on Science Activities	Life Science, Physical Science, Earth & Space Science															
Arts	Music Appreciation Little Holy Hearts Creative Art Club																
<i>Optional Electives: Drama, chess, cooking, sewing, gardening, American Sign Language, photography, book club etc.</i>																	



PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

St. John Paul II Catholic Learning program is a homeschool support service and learning collective. It is not a private school, public school, or accredited educational institution. Families enrolled remain legally responsible for their child's education in accordance with Texas homeschool law.

Parents retain full responsibility for curriculum selection, instruction oversight, attendance, and compliance with all state homeschool requirements. Our role is to support, enrich, and organize the homeschool experience not to replace parental authority.

Curriculum planning and digital support services do not constitute instruction, supervision, or assessment. These services are provided solely as organizational and planning tools for homeschooling families.

Progress reports and transcripts provided are for homeschool documentation purposes only and reflect parent-directed educational goals. Acceptance of homeschool records is determined by individual institutions or organizations.

Under Texas law, parents are the legal educators of their children. By enrolling in St. John Paul II Catholic Learning, parents acknowledge and agree that:

- They retain full responsibility for their child's education
- They ensure compliance with Texas homeschool law



ILLNESS POLICY

Please do not come to our in-person learning day (student or adult) if you have experienced any of the following symptoms within the past 24 hours, until an infectious cause is ruled out:

- A fever 100+°F as measured by any type of thermometer (resolved without use of fever-reducing medications)
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Uncontrollable coughing with or without congestion
- Loss of smell or taste
- Sore throat
- Unusual headache
- Chills
- Significant muscle pain/ache not associated with a known injury
- Any type of rash or questionable bumps and/or red spots
- Excessive mucus that is green, yellow, or brown, coming from the nose, mouth, or eyes
- Vomiting or diarrhea

If a student or family member has head lice, the entire family must be treated and nit-free before the student can return to in-person learning.

If your child exhibits any of these symptoms while in our care, you will be called to pick him or her up. Please remember that these policies are set in place to protect the overall health of all of the families involved.

Thank you for keeping your sick child home and keeping our in-person learning time as healthy as possible!

ALLERGIES

If your child has any type of life-threatening allergy, please inform the Director so that she can make guidelines for snacks/lunches. This will be done on a year-to-year basis, depending on the needs of the student body, but it is the parent's ultimate responsibility to oversee this concern.



ENROLLEMENT & ADMISSIONS

Application Process

1. Submission of application and application Fee (non-refundable) \$125 per family
2. Family interview or meeting - A family interview will be scheduled and conducted. After reviewing all information, a formal admissions decision will be emailed to you.
3. Placement Test (If needed/desired)
4. Complete Enrollment Form and pay enrollment Fee (non-refundable) \$250 per child

Enrollment is granted based on alignment with the mission, values, and capacity of the program. St. John Paul II Catholic Learning does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin. The program reserves the right to discontinue enrollment if it is determined that the program is no longer a good fit for the student or family, or if policies are repeatedly violated.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If McKinney ISD **OR** two or more of the following school districts are closed or delayed because of dangerous weather conditions, then St. John Paul II Catholic Learning will be closed:

- Anna
- Melissa
- Allen
- Frisco

The Director will contact the group by email and text by 7:00 AM, but please check for school closings by monitoring notifications on radio or television.



TUITION AND FINANCIAL POLICIES

Rates are provided in the enrollment materials and are subject to annual review.

Application Fee (non-refundable) - \$125 per family

Enrollment Fee (non-refundable) - \$250 per child

Enrollment fees cover all classroom materials/books and operating expenses

Full-Time Enrollment

- In-person learning 4 days a week (Monday–Thursday, 8:00 AM–2:00 PM)
- \$650/month (10 monthly payments, August–May)
- 10% sibling discount

Part-Time Enrollment (recommended)

- In-person learning 3 days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:00 AM–2:00 PM)
- \$500/month (10 monthly payments, August–May)
- 10% sibling discount

Part-Time Enrollment

- In-person learning 2 days a week (Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 AM–2:00 PM)
- \$380/month (10 monthly payments, August–May)
- 10% sibling discount

Add-on programs, such as drama, chess, cooking, sewing, gardening, American Sign Language, photography, book club etc. will be offered for an additional fee after in-person learning.

Payment Schedule

All St. John Paul II Catholic Learning tuition is collected on the first of the month for ten months, August thru May. Full tuition for the year is expected. No refunds will be granted for temporary absences from the program (i.e. illness, vacation, long term trips, or trips out of the country). A late fee of \$10.00 is charged for payments made after the 10th unless other arrangements are made.

Refund Policy

Tuition is non-refundable once the academic year has begun.

Withdrawal

A 30-day written notice is required for withdrawal. Tuition obligations remain in effect during the notice period.



What Tuition Includes:

- On-site instruction during enrolled days
- Curriculum planning and individualized lesson support
- Materials for in-class activities and projects
- Quarterly reports & Yearly Recorded Transcripts
- Books and learning supplies
- Other activities including: Field trip opportunities, Thanksgiving celebration, All Saints Day celebration, Family Advent dinner, other feast day celebrations, end of year Field Day and more!

Multi-Child tuition map:

	Full-Time Enrollment (4 days a week)	Part-Time Enrollment (3 days a week)	Part-Time Enrollment (2 days a week)	Enrollment Fee (non-refundable)
1 Child	\$650/month	\$500/month	\$380/month	\$250/year
2 Children	\$1,235/month	\$950/month	\$722/month	\$500/year
3 Children	\$1,820/month	\$1,400/month	\$1,064/month	\$750/year
4 Children	\$2,405/month	\$1,850/month	\$1,406/month	\$1,000/year
Other Fees				
Application Fee (non-refundable) per family				\$125/year

“Great holiness consists in carrying out the ‘little duties’ of each moment.”

—St. Josemaria Escriva



DRESS CODE

“Modesty is decency. It inspires one's choice of clothing. It keeps silence or reserve where there is evident risk of unhealthy curiosity. It is discreet.” CCC 2522

Students, tutors, and parents will come to class dressed in a modest, conservative manner.

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Clothes must not be skin tight.
- No clothing with tears, cuts, or holes will be allowed.
- No hats or sunglasses will be worn indoors.
- Only basic earrings (studs, loops, dangling).
- Girls can wear leggings, jeggings, or yoga pants when modestly covered by a skirt or extra long top (3 inches from top of kneecap to bottom hem of skirt/top). Leggings are not pants.
- No sleeveless clothing for either boys or girls.
- No tank tops, see-through clothing, or revealing necklines.
- Shirts should cover the top of pants whether standing, sitting, or raising your hand.
- Girls' skirts and dresses must not be form-fitting.
- Dress/Skirt hemlines (including slits) must be no shorter than 3 inches from the top of the kneecap to the bottom hem.
- Shorts must reach 3 inches from bottom hem/cuff to top of the kneecap.
- Undergarments must be covered at all times.
- General overall appearance should reflect conservative, modest values and thus will be neither offensive nor outlandish to the point it distracts others. Our appearance should be pleasing to the Lord and edifying to others. Students and adults must refrain from wearing clothing with images or messages that are inappropriate. If in doubt, don't wear it, or ask first.
- Parents will be notified via email or text of any dress code violations.

LEARNING DIFFERENCES

St. John Paul II Catholic Learning welcomes students to in-person learning with learning differences, but tutors do not have any special training or expertise in this area. If a student has special learning needs, parents should communicate this during the enrollment process. We do not have the resources available in public schools or extra time to significantly adapt for individual needs.



BEHAVIOR & DISCIPLINE POLICY

Our community is rooted in respect, responsibility, and love of neighbors. We believe every child is created in the image and likeness of God and is capable of growing in virtue, self-control, and kindness. Our expectations exist to create a safe, peaceful, and joyful learning environment where all students can thrive academically, socially, and spiritually.

Students are expected to:

- Show proper respect for adult authority at all times, in both words and actions. Adults should be addressed respectfully (e.g., Father, Dr., Mr., Mrs., or Miss, followed by last name).
- Treat all members of the community with dignity and respect, including peers, instructors, staff, parents, and volunteers.
- Use kind, appropriate, and truthful language. Teasing, bullying, threats, exclusion, gossip, and disruptive or inappropriate conversations are not tolerated.
- Follow classroom procedures and adult guidance promptly and attentively.
- Participate reverently in prayer, lessons, and on-site activities, showing respect during religious instruction and community gatherings.
- Respect personal space and physical boundaries to ensure the emotional and physical safety of all.
- Demonstrate self-control during transitions, group work, free play, and structured activities.
- Care for facilities, materials, and personal property. Students are responsible for cleaning up after themselves in all areas of St. John Paul II Catholic Learning.
- Take responsibility for their actions. When damage occurs (accidental or intentional) students are expected to acknowledge the issue, apologize, and make reasonable efforts to repair or replace what was harmed.
- Act with honesty and academic integrity, submitting their own work and refraining from using unauthorized materials or answer keys.
- Refrain from pranks, rough play, or behavior that could cause harm, disruption, or distress.
- Comply with all safety policies, including the weapons policy outlined in the General Policies section. Violations of safety policies will be handled in accordance with the Disciplinary Action Policy.

Discipline Philosophy

We approach discipline as formation, not punishment. Our goal is to guide students toward reflection, restoration, and growth in virtue. When challenges arise, we may use:

- Gentle redirection and clear reminders
- Private, respectful conversations to help students understand the impact of their actions



- Restorative steps such as apologies, repairing damage, or making amends when appropriate
- Communication and collaboration with parents when patterns of concern emerge

Serious or Repeated Concerns

Violence, threats, bullying, or ongoing disruptive behavior are considered serious offenses. If a student's behavior consistently disrupts the learning environment or compromises the safety and well-being of others, St. John Paul II Catholic Learning reserves the right to implement additional measures, which may include:

- Development of a behavior support plan in partnership with parents
- Temporary suspension from on-site learning days
- Dismissal from the program if the environment is determined to no longer be a good fit for the student or the community

Repeated violations may result in suspension or dismissal, with all financial obligations remaining in effect as outlined in the tuition and enrollment agreement.

Our shared commitment is to walk alongside each child with patience, clarity, and grace, helping them grow academically, socially, and spiritually.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

All adults staying on-site during learning days (board members, tutors, and parents) are required to be certified under the diocesan Safe Environment Program through their home parishes. Proof of current certification will need to be provided before the beginning of the academic year and at the time of update if it occurs during the academic year.

We are working to provide a safe environment. The doors will be locked or watched during in-person hours. Adults, other than parents or those designated by the parent, will not spend time alone with only one student in any closed room or vehicle. Doors to all classrooms will remain open during classes.



St. John Paul II Catholic Learning - Waiver & Release

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____ (the "Student"), hereby acknowledge and agree to the following terms and conditions for participation in the summer program organized by St. John Paul II Catholic Learning ("the Program"):

Assumption of Risk:

I understand that participation in the Program may involve certain risks, including but not limited to physical injury, illness, property damage, or other hazards inherent to recreational, outdoor, or learning activities. I voluntarily assume all such risks on behalf of my child and waive any claims against St. John Paul II Catholic Learning, its directors, employees, or volunteers for any injury, illness, or damage arising from participation in the Program.

Medical Authorization:

In the event of an emergency, I authorize St. John Paul II Catholic Learning staff to obtain any necessary medical treatment for my child, including first aid, CPR, or transportation to a medical facility. I understand that Program staff will make reasonable efforts to contact the emergency contacts listed on the registration form in case of a medical emergency.

Release of Liability:

I hereby release, waive, and discharge St. John Paul II Catholic Learning, its staff, volunteers, and directors from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action of any kind arising from or related to any injury, illness, property loss, or death that may occur during the Program.

Photography & Media Release:

I consent to the use of photographs, videos, or other media of my child taken during the Program for promotional, marketing, or educational purposes by St. John Paul II Catholic Learning, without compensation. I understand that these images may be used to share Program activities with families, on the school website, social media, newsletters, or printed materials.

Code of Conduct:

I agree that my child will abide by all rules and expectations set forth by St. John Paul II Catholic Learning, including behavior guidelines, safety protocols, and activity instructions. I understand that failure to comply with these standards may result in dismissal from the Program without refund.

I have read this waiver carefully and fully understand its terms. I acknowledge that I am giving up substantial rights, including the right to sue, and I sign this document freely, voluntarily, and with full knowledge of its significance.



St. John Paul II Catholic Learning - Waiver & Release

By signing below, we acknowledge that we have received, read, and understand the St. John Paul II Catholic Learning Family Handbook. We agree to abide by the policies, expectations, and guidelines outlined within, including but not limited to academic responsibilities, conduct and behavior standards, attendance, tuition and financial policies, safety procedures, and program participation requirements.

We understand that St. John Paul II Catholic Learning operates as a homeschool support program and learning collective, and that parents remain the primary educators of their children in accordance with Texas homeschool law.

We acknowledge that failure to follow the policies and expectations in the Family Handbook may result in disciplinary action, suspension, or dismissal from the program, as outlined in the handbook.

Parent / Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Information

Student Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____

Student Information

Student Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____

Student Information

Student Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____

Emergency Contact

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____