

## Saint Mary Magdalene Home Study Option

The diocesan policy states, “ In light of the entire process for catechesis to include the four components of knowledge, community, service and worship, home schooling alone cannot replace catechesis or sacramental preparation in the parish church. (NDC #61(A) (3), p. 259f. “

In keeping with this guideline, Saint Mary Magdalene offers a home school option for religious formation under the following circumstances:

- When incorporated into a full home study curriculum that meets the criteria below;
- For medical reasons;
- In case of custody issues as determined by the program director.

When parents decide to be responsible for religious education of their child(ren), they will meet the following criteria:

- Parents will register with the formation office and declare their option for home schooling.
- Materials must be on the approved list provided by the USCCB. It may be the parish program or a program approved by the program director.  
<http://www.usccb.org/about/evangelization-and-catechesis/subcommittee-on-catechism/upload/Current-Conformity-List.pdf>
- Home school students will follow the Religion Curriculum Guidelines for the Diocese of Phoenix.
- Home school students should participate in family formation events such as the Christmas Tree Service Event and other events offered through the family formation program.
- Portfolios of work should be submitted to the RE office January 10 and May 10. These may include assessments provided in curriculum and special projects.
- Preparation for Sacraments of Initiation and Reconciliation must take place through the parish processes.