

Family Life

Schools are mandated by the USCCB (the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops), the Province bishops and FCC (the Florida Catholic Conference) accreditation standards to offer a unit on family life. Normally the family life unit is integrated throughout the curriculum at all grade levels throughout the year. However, it may be necessary to offer it as a single unit if some families choose to opt out of the program. The Family Life standards are found in the “Life in Christ” section of the religious education curriculum. The procedures below should be followed:

- Send a letter to parents explaining the program.
- Secure written permission every year from parents to have students participate. Keep permissions slips forever.
- Offer a meeting date to have parents view materials and ask questions. All teachers and presenters involved in the program should be present.
- Parents may decide to **not** have their child participate. If this occurs, the child should be placed in a supervised environment with meaningful activity.
- The pastor should be kept informed about parental involvement, questions, and concerns.