

## St. Bartholomew Catholic Church

### *Religious Education Program*

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St. Bartholomew Catholic Church and the Archdiocese of Baltimore affirm our collective commitment to providing religious education, including Vacation Bible School, with the safety and wellbeing of all children as our primary focus.

Although proof of immunization is not required to participate in a religious education program, you should take notice that if your child is not immunized, he/she is considered at risk for the disease or diseases against which vaccination offers protection. Vaccine preventable diseases still exist, and especially can spread quickly in child group settings, such as a religious education program. If an outbreak of the disease against which a child has not been fully vaccinated occurs during a religious education program, the child's risk of contracting the disease increases significantly.

Participation in religious education, including Vacation Bible School, at the Parish is completely voluntary. By enrolling a child who has not been vaccinated in religious education at the Parish, parents and guardians recognize, appreciate, and assume the risks associated with lack of immunization. This voluntary enrollment similarly means that parents and guardians understand and agree that St. Bartholomew Parish and the Archdiocese of Baltimore are not responsible or liable for any disease contracted by a child who is not immunized while participating in an educational program at the Parish.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Michael Roach*

Pastor

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Director of Religious Education

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