



St. Ann Home School Ministry (SAHSM)

Mission

The St. Ann Home School Ministry (SAHSM) is a community of Catholic homeschool families that facilitates both faith/community events and education programs helping to form their children morally, academically, and socially in the truths and traditions of the Catholic Church.

As a parish ministry, in addition to supporting its members, it seeks to serve the wider St. Ann community in a variety of ways, at the pleasure of the pastor. The SAHSM is powered by our amazing homeschooling families! Our members are the manpower behind all events, service projects, and education programs.

Events, Service Projects, & Education Programs

Some examples of typical faith/community events include: All Saints Parade, Our Lady of the Rosary Party, St. Nicholas Party, Advent and/or Lenten reflections for adults, dances, Mother's Night Out, and much more.

Our ministry has three main service projects throughout the year: running a BBQ booth at the annual parish carnival, making Easter cards to go with the meals the parish donates to the needy, and coordinating graduation for our high school graduates.

The current education programs are CCE Elementary, TBG Elementary, and the Middle School Program.

Catholic Classical Enrichment (CCE)

CCE has been at St. Ann's since the dawn of the Ministry! It is a joyful learning community which consists of memory work across 7 subjects (Latin, Faith Fact, Math, History, Geography, Grammar, Timeline), Sacred Music class, Art class, interactive review games that make learning fun and build community among the children in their age groups, student and family presentations (rotating turns), the cultivation of virtue, and time for social picnic afterward.

The schedule varies slightly each year and by age group, but here is an example morning for a CCE student:

15 min - Announcements and Family presentation (rotating turns) on virtue

30 min - Sacred music

40 min - Review games

40 min - Art

20 min - Student presentations and snacks

30 min - Introduction of new memory work

Pray the Angelus and dismiss in time for lunch

CCE is a co-op program and requires active parent participation, either in classrooms or the nursery, for the duration of the meeting days. CCE meets 25 weeks per school year. It is for children ages 5 years through 5th grade, but there is a PK4 and nursery for younger siblings. You must be a member of the SAHSM Ministry to enroll in CCE.

Truth, Beauty, and Goodness (TBG)

TBG is a Charlotte Mason inspired learning community. It consists of an Outdoor Gather time that includes recitations, a hymn, and a family presentation. The rest of the day consists of conversational Spanish, Nature study, artist study, a composer study, saint stories, and learning handicrafts. It aims to spread an "abundant feast" for students and to support mothers in learning more about Charlotte Mason's view of education.

Here is an example day at TBG:

20 min - Gather (Outside)
30 min - Nature Study (Outside)
20 min - Composer Study
30 min - Handicraft
20 min - Legends of Heroic Saints
30 min - Lunch (Outside)
20 min - Singing Games (Outside)
20 min - Artist Study
20 min - Conversational Spanish
20 min - Prayer, Reset, and Dismissal

TBG is a co-op program and requires active parent participation for the duration of the meeting days. TBG meets for 30 weeks per school year. It is for children ages 5 years through 6th grade, but there is a PK4 for younger siblings. Children 3 and under remain with their mothers. You must be a member of the SAHSM Ministry to enroll in TBG.

Middle School Program

History, Latin, English, Art and other courses were developed for our middle school students so that the homeschooled children could begin to have a more strenuous high school preparation experience, and so that they could still meet up socially and academically each week. The teachers are usually from our ministry parent group. Many are professional teachers.

This is a drop-off program, but you must be a member of the SAHSM Ministry to enroll.

Membership

You do not have to be a St. Ann parishioner to join our SAHSM, but you must be a practicing Catholic (or in OCIA) and be operating a homeschool with at least one child between ages 4 and high school graduation.

Membership Benefits:

- Access to the electronic communication system (online message forum & email list)
- Access to SAHSM education programs
- Access to "Ministry members-only" events
- Ability to chaperone or volunteer for programs and events
- Discounted admission to public SAHSM sponsored events

Membership Options:

Option 1: Volunteering member - If you want to be a member and serve in the ministry by committing to be in charge (be a coordinator) of one faith/community event OR volunteer to help a coordinator for two faith/community events, you can register with \$25 per family in annual dues.

Option 2: Non-volunteering member - If you want to be a member but you do not plan to help run anything, you can register with \$75 per family in annual dues.

For more information on how to join, contact sahsmsecretary@gmail.com.