

2026-2027 Our Lady Queen of Peace Homeschool Group Policies and Procedures

1. OLQP Mission and Membership

Our Lady Queen of Peace Homeschool Group ("OLQP") is a group of Chicago-area Catholic homeschooling families. The members of this group provide social, academic, and spiritual opportunities for our children. Our group is Catholic in character, and consists of practicing Catholic homeschooling families. Our primary purpose is to assist each other in building up the kingdom of God on earth by raising children who are strong in the practice and knowledge of their Catholic faith as taught by the Magisterium in union with the Pope. For this reason, at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic and raising their children Catholic. OLQP members agree that they believe in the teachings of the Catholic Church and try to follow them as described in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Our members are parishioners of a registered Catholic church within a Catholic diocese in union with the Pope. As a group, our shared values include treating one another with respect and respecting the rights and privacy of other members.

2. Membership Expectations

Our group is a cooperative one, dependent on its members for the planning of all our activities. We ask members to plan, or cooperate with others to plan, one or more event or field trip each year for the group if possible.

A Parent Planning Meeting is held once a year to assist families in planning events and field trips for the upcoming year. Every effort should be made to participate in this meeting and to help plan/coordinate at least one event for the year. Events and field trips can also be planned and added to the calendar throughout the year.

3. OLQP Membership Directory

Information for the Membership Application is used in our Member Directory, which is available only to our group members. Members agree to not share its contents with non-members.

4. Website and Forum Guidelines for Use

All OLQP members receive information via the OLQP members-only website. A website fee per family per year is due with annual registration. This allows us to maintain our website subscription and provides a platform for our calendar and communications.

Only registered members of the group are able to read and post announcements. The entire group will receive your announcement via the forum. If you have planned a group event, please

post it on the members-only site calendar and send a message via the forum notifying the group of your event. To RSVP, sign up via the calendar or respond to the individual via the forum or by email. Forum messages to the group should, in general, pertain to the group activities. You may choose to receive these messages immediately, daily, or not at all.

Some examples of forum topics are: Announce group events (such as the details of a field trip), and providing group-specific information.

If you want to send a message that does not fall within the general concepts above, please choose the “Off Topic” category when creating a new thread. Some examples of these might be: provide a forum for issues that affect homeschooling families (such as legislation), support Catholic homeschoolers (by providing information such as an upcoming parish event of interest or by posting a link or article that may be of interest), build a Catholic community (for example, recommending a Catholic doctor, dentist, plumber, or other service provider).

In order to preserve group unity, please do not use the group's website to send any of the following: chain letters, personal complaints, and no messages affirming or denouncing private, unapproved apparitions.

5. Event Protocol

If you would like to plan an event, first check the calendar to try not to overlap with another event. On the calendar, submit a new event. If you need a signup, you can add signups once you create the event. You will be able to make changes later if need be. Except for the person(s) maintaining the overall site, only the person who puts in the information on the calendar has the ability to edit the information.

Next, send a forum message to the group describing the event, listing the cost, date, time and deadline for RSVP as well as the signup link if possible. Also, in some cases to prevent confusion, let OLQP members know whether the event is restricted to OLQP members only.

If members invite non-members as guests to an event the member must assume responsibility for paying any fees associated with their guests, if any. Please do not refer non-members directly to the event coordinator.

6. OLQP-Outreach Events

OLQP Members can plan events which are, by design, advertised to Catholic families outside OLQP. These should be referred to as an OLQP-Outreach event. The organizer should specify whether the event is open to other Catholic homeschooled children, parochial, and/or publicly schooled Catholic children.

7. Environment

To foster a socially positive and innocent environment, the children of OLQP should not exhibit boyfriend/girlfriend style behaviors at OLQP events or situations. For example, there should be no romantic public display of affection such as hand-holding or kissing. This environment promotes a chaste atmosphere for our young children and teens.

Children and parents should exhibit modest dress at OLQP gatherings that is appropriate to that event and a Catholic homeschool environment.

8. Steering Committee

Our Lady Queen of Peace Homeschooling Group (OLQP) is a cooperative group dependent on its members to plan and execute all our activities. Therefore, under the Catholic understanding of subsidiarity, the role of the Steering Committee is one of minimal involvement, allowing fellow OLQP members the freedom to have a vision and bring it to fulfillment. The Steering Committee's only roles are those that would be difficult to be done by individuals such as facilitating whole group communication and overseeing, coordinating, and promoting membership. The Steering Committee is a group of volunteers and therefore have the minimal authority of simple service.

The responsibilities of the Steering Committee include:

- Planning and running the yearly Parent Planning Meeting for the upcoming year. Unless otherwise rescheduled it will be in June. The current Steering Committee will assist the new Steering Committee by reserving a location for the Parent Planning meeting
- Keeping the list of events and who is volunteering to run each event.
- Encouraging members to volunteer to run events.
- Formulate the yearly Policies and Registration Form based on any changes passed by voting procedure listed in this Policies and Registration Form.
- Promoting Registration.
- Collecting Policies and Registration Forms.
- Formulating and distributing the Member Directory.
- Each year, in the late winter or early spring, a new Steering Committee is formed for the upcoming year through the assistance of the old Steering Committee. The new Steering Committee will assume responsibilities on June 15th.
- Manage and facilitate a fair, informative, and transparent voting process.

An OLQP member may volunteer to be on the Steering Committee at the end of their second year as a member of OLQP. All Steering Committee members are to be Catholic.

The steering committee members agree to serve a one to two year term, with a maximum of two continuous two-year terms. There must be a one-year break before they can step up again

after reaching the maximum term. If there are fewer than 3 families represented on the Steering Committee for the next school year, then a Steering Committee member and/or their spouse who have reached, or are over their limit, of concurrent years can volunteer for another year.

2026-2027 Steering Committee Members

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9. OLQP Member Voting

OLQP is a member driven group which means all policy decisions of the group are voted on by the members directly as a whole. Any authority or responsibilities not designated directly to the Steering Committee or any other body designated by this document rest entirely with the OLQP members. Changes to this document are done through member voting. A majority vote is needed to change anything in this document; except when delegating any authority or responsibilities to the Steering Committee or other body it shall be a two-thirds vote needed to pass.

All changes will only take effect for the next year's Policies and Registration Form and will not apply towards the group in the current school year.

Proposed changes, deletions, additions, or common expenses that will be covered by dues, need to be submitted by any OLQP member to the Steering Committee by Feb. 14th of the current school year to take effect in the following school year.

The OLQP member commenting and voting process can be determined by the Steering Committee but must be fair and give ample time for debate and voting.

Voting shall be completed annually by April 30th.

There shall be only one vote per family. Percentages of votes shall be based on votes cast.

10. Photography

Except for OLQP newsletters, yearbooks or similar intra-group media, pictures of other OLQP members or their children are not to be shared on social media networks or in public displays by any other member unless expressed personal permission has been granted by a member to another member on every occasion, unless the members are de-identified with blurring, cropping, or other photo-editing features. Pictures of OLQP members or their children will not be displayed on OLQP's public website unless permission is expressly granted by the member.

Acceptance

I have read the above Our Lady Queen of Peace (OLQP) Policies and Registration Form details carefully. I understand and agree to the policies found in this registration document. I understand that failure to comply with the outlined policies may result in exclusion from OLQP Home School Group without refund.

I affirm and agree that I, my spouse, or someone I appoint and who knowingly agrees to the appointment, is responsible for the safety, welfare, and behavior of my children at any and all OLQP events. Additionally, I affirm and agree to the following: That OLQP is an unaffiliated organization of homeschooling parents. It is not a formally organized group, but instead is a loose organization of homeschooled families with common principles and objectives. OLQP is not a separate legal entity from the individuals that make up the group. As such, there are no officers, directors, board members, employees, or formal volunteers. I understand that OLQP does not carry any form of liability insurance or other form of personal protection for injury or loss arising from participation in any group activities; Therefore, in consideration for participation in activities with OLQP members and their families, each parent/guardian hereby agrees to afford any member or any member's family members who may be acting on behalf of OLQP or participating in OLQP events the protection afforded to members, volunteers, employees, and directors of a non-profit corporation legally organized under the laws of the state of Illinois.

By entering your name below, you are effectively providing your signature, indicating you agree to the policies covered in this document.