CATHOLIC BRAIN CATECHETICAL RESOURCE INFORMATION SHEET

Welcome to the Catholic Brain catechetical platform for children! We are happy to provide this supplemental resource to support you in your role as primary catechists of your children. Catholic Brain began through a partnership between parents and catechists striving to develop a child-friendly interactive platform that can be used as a primary or secondary catechetical resource. It is USCCB approved and has come to be used by many parishes and dioceses around the country. The site has catechism-based content for year-round formation, as well as special content for the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent. In addition, it has daily content consisting in a daily reading, saint of the day and daily Bible video. Sacramental preparation related content is also available for children preparing for First Communion or Confirmation.

We are piloting the resource this year at Mother of Sorrows to determine whether it is helpful as a supplemental resource for our family faith formation program. Use of this resource is not mandatory, but we highly recommend offering it to your child as a way of regularly engaging in faith formation throughout the weeks between the monthly family formation sessions. Your children is welcome to engage with the daily content, or log on a few times each week or month. Families from the other parish faith formation programs and school families are also welcome to use the parish account if you believe your children would benefit from the additional resource.

Please explore the site to get a feel for the content available and the types of activities your child will be doing. Once your child has their account, they can log in to their own profile; you remain able to monitor their progress through the parent portal. When your child logs on, they will have access to videos, quizzes, games and more. Their account will automatically be tailored to their grade level, which you will have selected when registering them. Please note that content videos are shared among multiple grade levels, but the content in the quizzes and games differs among the grade levels. If you would like the activities your child finds on the site to be more advanced or less challenging based on their individual needs, you are welcome to change their grade level (through the parent portal).

Further tutorials are available on the parent portal once you have registered, and specific questions regarding how to use the platform can be directed to the Catholic Brain Help and Support service, also found on the parent portal.

If you have any questions, please email Ellen Mady (emady@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

Catholic Brain Sign-Up Instructions

Anyone associated with Mother of Sorrows Parish, through any of the faith formation programs, sacramental prep, or the school, are welcome to follow these instructions to become part of the parish Catholic Brain account.

To sign up:

1. Go to www.catholicbrain.com/parent/signup.
2. Under "select your role", select "parent/family".
3. Fill in the Registration Information.
   a. Under "parish", write **Mother of Sorrows Parish**
   b. For the "school code", enter **MOT36403**.
4. Follow the instructions sent to you email to activate your account.

To log in:

1. Go to www.catholicbrain.com/login.
2. Enter your username and password.
3. Logging in to this account will let you see the content (lessons, videos, etc.) available.

To access the parent portal:

1. Once logged into your parent account, click the down arrow next to your profile icon (top right corner), and click "parent portal".
2. This will bring you to a new log in page (www.services.catholicbrain.com/login), where you will enter your username and password again.
3. View the dashboard on the far left of the screen. Here you will find several functions. Tutorials and a link to Help and Support can be found here.
4. To add your child(ren), click on "manage students" under the dashboard. Then click "add student".
   a. You will choose a username and password for your child and select their grade level. Their account will automatically be linked to your email and telephone number.
   b. Leave the "Student ID" field blank – this will automatically be generated for you after you have added the student.
   c. Repeat the same process to add additional children.

To log in as a student (after being registered by the parent): www.catholicbrain.com/login