



# Agnus Dei Catholic Home School Association

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## Benefits of Membership

- Access to Agnus Dei CHSA website & forum. **\*\*Please note that this is our primary means of communication.**
- \$20 annual discount for family membership to Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)
- Agenda made available via e-group 1 week prior to each Parents' Meeting
- Meeting minutes & group updates available via e-group within 1 week following each Parents' Meeting
- One diploma per graduate (K, 8, or 12) and one certificate per homeschooled child to be awarded at the annual Commencement Mass & Awards Ceremony; additional fee for graduates required.
- Admittance to all Agnus Dei events, field trips, and meetings (NOTE: Field trips & some events may require additional fees or contributions to be handled on an individual basis by the activity coordinator.)

## Member Responsibilities

- Annual registration is \$30 per family through Open House.
- Membership dues must be submitted with completed application form and signed Mission & Statement of Faith and Waiver at the time of joining the group in order for membership to be active.
- After Open House late registration begins, and dues are \$37.
- Each 2016-2017 family membership is valid through June 30, 2017.
- Any non-member attending an Agnus Dei event or field trip **MUST** be a guest of a registered member present at the event.
- The Board of Officers, with the guidance of the group's Spiritual Director, reserves the right to rescind any membership based on behaviors or affiliations deemed dangerous, inappropriate, or incompatible with our Statement of Faith.

## Notes from the Board

### Membership Levels

Agnus Dei CHSA currently offers *Full Membership* to Catholic homeschooling families, *Legacy Membership* to former members who no longer homeschool but wish to support Agnus Dei, and *Limited Membership* to families who have chosen alternative education and do not meet the definition of homeschooling. Please read our group's constitution and bylaws for a complete description of these levels of membership to determine which applies to your family.

### Representatives

The Board of Officers directly delegates authority to member volunteers to represent and speak on behalf of Agnus Dei in scheduling an activity in which they are coordinating. The relationships our individual members have with various parishes, organizations, and facilities, have been developed over many years and are all very delicate and extremely important. There are specifics unique to each relationship, and, therefore no member, other than the designated member, has the authority to initiate any contact with outside sources and speak on Agnus Dei's behalf.

### Planning events and/or field trips

The calendar that is issued, found in each membership packet and on the egroup, is updated throughout the year and is put together in the best interest of the group and the success of each event.

Out of respect for those individuals who sacrifice personal time, talent, and resources for the good of the group, it is expected that when another individual decides to coordinate a field trip, event, or activity you will first consult the event calendar to make certain there is no conflict. Secondly, to foster communication, please contact our 2015-2016 Vice President as a courtesy to cooperatively avoid direct conflicts. Please take this into consideration when forwarding dated events to the e-group as well.

### Website

Information and pictures that will be uploaded to the website, or other group accounts, are password protected. To maintain the privacy of each Agnus Dei family and the safety of all children, pictures and information must **NOT** be forwarded to non-members or uploaded to social media. Furthermore, there must be **NO** sharing of passwords for website access to non-members.

**\*\* Please direct questions regarding membership & registration to our Membership Coordinator at [agnusdeihomeschool@yahoo.com](mailto:agnusdeihomeschool@yahoo.com). \*\***



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## Group Mission

Agnus Dei is an association of Catholic families who homeschool or who are considering home education. Our mission is to create a community which encourages our children to choose the path to Heaven by promoting faith and fellowship among Catholic homeschooling families. The members of Agnus Dei Catholic Home School Association, in accord with the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church, freely associate themselves for the benefit of mutual support and service to meet the challenges of educating their young. This service includes, but is not limited to, providing spiritual, social, and educational activities that enhance the total homeschool experience of the family.

We believe that it is the right and obligation of each Catholic parent to educate his own children. We support Catholic home schools; we do not oppose "traditional" Catholic schools except in those instances where their practices are not in union with Rome.

## Statement of Faith

"We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting."

Furthermore, we uphold all teachings, councils, doctrines, and dogmas of the Holy Roman Catholic Church as expressed by the Magisterium, without adding to or subtracting from any of Her teachings. Due to a great deal of confusion among Catholics today, we are compelled to mention some specifics. Our loyalty to Christ's Church includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- We fully believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.
- We fully accept and embrace the great truth of the Church's teachings on contraception, abortion, and euthanasia.
- We accept the Church's teachings regarding the sanctity of marriage.
- We accept the Church's teachings regarding priestly celibacy and the ordination of women.

In communion with the Church and the Holy Father, we seek to raise our children in accordance with this Faith.

***I have read and understand the Mission & Statement of Faith as well as the group's bylaws, member benefits, and responsibilities.***

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Father's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Mother's signature

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Date

## Waiver of Liability

I, the undersigned, understand that my participation and the participation of any member of my family in any Agnus Dei Catholic Home School Association activity or program is completely voluntary, and I hereby give consent for each family member to join in those activities or programs and agree to assume all risks involved. My family shall hold harmless Agnus Dei Catholic Home School Association, any of its officers, volunteers, representatives, members, and guests, paid or unpaid, and/or the providers of any activity or program location and/or materials from any liability and/or responsibility for any accident, illness, or injury that occurs during or as a result of any function or program. I understand that Agnus Dei Catholic Home School Association does not hold group insurance. I accept that full responsibility for the safety and medical care of each of my family members rests with me.

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Father's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Mother's signature

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Date

***Please sign and return with your membership application & dues.***