

## **I. ADMISSION POLICIES**

(Pursuant to EQUAL OPPORTUNITY and LIMITATION OF FACILITIES.)

### **A. Admission Policies**

1. Lady of Victory will not exclude from its parish school any student solely because of race, sex, color, religion, national origin or ancestry.
2. It is our hope to be able to provide a Catholic education for all of the children of our parish. Due to the structural design of the existing buildings and limited parish funding for educational intervention staff and facilities, it may not be feasible to accommodate all children with special needs. The registration of children with special needs will be reviewed annually between administration and parents prior to the acceptance of registration.

The following priority system will determine admission in **kindergarten** and in the **first grade**. Students will be admitted according to the highest priority level. When registration exceeds class size limitations, priority level and date of registration in the parish will determine admission, and a waiting list will be developed accordingly.

1. All kindergartners and first graders whose parents are participating parish members and who have a sibling presently enrolled in the school.
2. All Pre-registered kindergartners and first graders whose parents are participating parish members.
3. All kindergartners and first graders whose parents are participating parish members.
4. All Pre-registered kindergartners and first graders who are admitted as private students or whose parents are not participating parish members.
5. All kindergartners and first graders who are enrolled as private students or whose parents are not participating parish members, but who have a sibling presently enrolled in the school.
6. Families registering after the registration period will be accepted as they enroll, if space is available. (See class size policy.)

The following priority system will determine admission in **grades two through eight**. Students will be admitted according to the highest priority level. In situations when the registration deadline has been reached and registrations exceed class size limitations, priority level and date of registration in the parish will determine admission, and a waiting list will be developed accordingly.

1. All students in good standing who were enrolled in the school during the previous school year. Students already enrolled in the school program are assured admittance for the upcoming school year if registered during the registration period. After the expiration of the registration period, school registration will be accepted on a first come first served basis.
2. New students whose parents are participating parish members who have a sibling presently enrolled in the school.
3. New students whose parents are participating parish members.
4. New students who are registering as private students or whose parents are not participating parish members, but who have a sibling presently enrolled in the school.
5. New students who are registering as private students or whose parents are not participating parish members.
6. Families registering after the registration period will be accepted as they enroll, if space is available. (See class size policy.)

The above admission policy was approved by Pastoral Council October 2013.

### **B. School Age Policy (Kindergarten and First Grade)**

The Ohio Revised Code (3321.01) provides that no child may be admitted to kindergarten or the first grade unless he/she is five or six years of age on or before September 30 of the year of admittance.

1. Children who become five or six before October 1 or are of age for kindergarten and first grade respectively.
2. Children who become five or six between October 1 and January 1, inclusive shall be considered as underage candidates for kindergarten and first grade.
3. No children who become six after January 1 will be admitted to first grade during the school year already in progress.
4. All underage admissions are to be made on a trial basis with a written statement to this effect, signed by parents. Failure to make a satisfactory adjustment will constitute grounds for removal of the underage child from the first grade program.
5. Underage children who have qualified and have successfully completed kindergarten are eligible without further evaluation, for first grade placement.

### **C. Class Size Limits**

It is the intent of Our Lady of Victory Parish to educate as many of the children of parishioners who apply for registration in the school program, as possible, within the limitations of classroom space, number of faculty, and financial feasibility.

Class size for various grades is:

- 20 students per room in kindergarten
- 28 students per room in grades 1 – 3
- 30 students per room in grade 4
- 32 students per room in grades 5 – 8

Class size policy was approved by Pastoral Council in 2011.