

Dear Prospective Preschool Parent,

The preschool at **Our Lady of Charity School** is part of the State of Illinois' [Preschool for All](#) program. A requirement of the Preschool for All program is that all interested families participate in an application and screening process.

The application process starts with the parent consent for their child's participation in the Preschool for All program* and documentation of the child's age, address, and family income. A checklist of information and links to the forms may be found [here](#).

The screening consists of a parent interview as well as a developmental screening administered to the child by the Preschool for All Screening Coordinator or the preschool teacher.

Due to the CCOViD-19 Public Health Emergency, the screening process that would normally have taken place in spring has been understandably delayed. Parent interviews will now take place virtually either by phone or Zoom. Parents will be contacted to set up a convenient day and time. Please allow approximately 30 minutes for the interview. The developmental screening process for your child will take place at school in August. You will be contacted to set up an appointment date and time.

If it is determined that a family meets the [USDA FY21 Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Price Meals](#) along with other criteria, the family may be eligible for the Preschool for All program and receive 2.5 hours of the preschool program at no charge. This determination cannot be made at the appointment time. Families will be notified of their eligibility for the Preschool for All program by August 1, 2020 provided that the interview has been completed and all required documentation has been received.

The maximum number of children in a preschool classroom is 20 to meet IL State Board of Education requirements, therefore students will be placed in slots as available or put on a waiting list. If your child is accepted, you must confirm their enrollment in the preschool program by Monday, August 3, 2020 or be waitlisted until there is an opening. Enrollment will be finalized by August 17, 2020.

Our Lady of Charity School also participates in the IL Department of Human Services Child Care Assistance Program through IL Action for Children. By going to the following link <https://www.actforchildren.org/for-families/paying-for-child-care/> families can use the Eligibility Calculator to see if they qualify and also find an application.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school at (708) 652-0262 with any questions. Thank you for your interest in the preschool program at **Our Lady of Charity School**.

**If a family chooses not to participate in the Preschool for All program or provide income verification, they must still consent to the screening process in order to be considered for acceptance into the preschool and will be expected to pay full tuition and fees.*

Questions about the Preschool for All Program? Contact Julie Ramski, Director of Early Childhood Education, Office of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Chicago jramski@archchicago.org or 312-534-3968