



Department of Homeschooling
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*With us everything should be secondary compared to our concern with children,
and their upbringing in the instruction and teaching of the Lord.*

- St. John Chrysostom

The primary **goal** of the Department of Homeschooling (DHS) is to promote and support and unite homeschooling throughout the Archdiocese. Secondly, we seek to remind all parents that their children's education is their responsibility, whether or not they outsource this task.

We are working to achieve these goals by publications, creating a community of curriculum design, meeting with other departments of the archdiocese, supporting homeschool families, cooperatives, events, and resources and various learning communities.

God willing, the **benefits** of our work will be: bring together these very dedicated and pious families (10% of our archdiocese) so they remain strong; equip families to stem the tide of secularism that is taking the under-catechized children of our archdiocese; bring new people to Parish Life Conferences; reach out to non-Orthodox homeschoolers who are seeking the doctrinal stability and beautiful, timeless worship of Orthodoxy and the incarnational theology of our Archdiocese.

We are preparing for our annual St. Emmelia Homeschooling Conference April 27-30 at Antiochian Village.

<https://www.saintemmeliainconference.com/>

We hosted an elective (Effectively Ministering to Homeschool Families) at our archdiocesan Clergy Symposium last summer. 35 Priests attended the presentations with excellent and fruitful discussion. We hosted a "Home-Education Workshop" at the Parish Life Conference of the Eastern Dioceses. We continue to support, pray for, advise, and teach and find teachers for St. Raphael School - <http://www.raphaelschool.org/>.

At this point, the department is not funded. If we had money we could hire people to dedicate their time to make this work more fruitful. Thanks for your prayers and support of the families of our beloved archdiocese!

Lord, have mercy on us all through the prayers of the Holy Mothers of the Three Hierarchs, Saints Emmelia, Nonna, and Anthousa. Amen!