

*The Meriden Roman Catholic  
Special Religious Education Program*

*Location*

*Holy Angels Parish Center  
585 Main Street  
South Meriden, CT 06451*

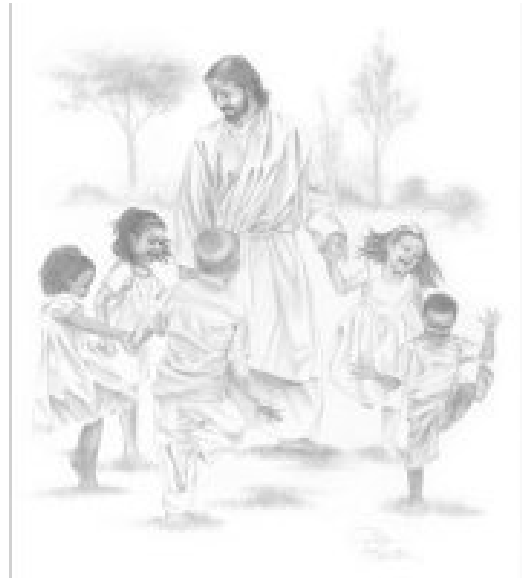
*Office Hours*

*Available by Appointment*

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*Classes run from September to May*



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*Religious Education Program  
For Special Needs  
Students and Adults*



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## THE MERIDEN ROMAN CATHOLIC SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

is a program of religious education for special needs people in the Meriden / Wallingford area. The Meriden Roman Catholic Special Religious Education Program welcomes students with all disabilities, including Learning Impairments, Intellectual Disabilities, Emotional Disturbance, Physical Handicaps, Speech, Hearing and Sight Impairments.

The goal of The Meriden Roman Catholic Special Religious Education Program is to demonstrate and teach the love and acceptance of God, while providing an atmosphere where people can grow and learn according to their own abilities. This is done through a curriculum designed to present religion as a celebration of God's love and to teach God's part in their everyday life.

The Meriden Roman Catholic Special Religious Education Program is staffed by trained and experienced Special Education personnel and volunteers.

The Meriden Roman Catholic Special Religious Education Program's campus is found in South Meriden on Main Street and is affiliated with Holy Angels Church.

The Meriden Roman Catholic Special Religious Education Program provides three levels of instruction for the students. They are grouped in small, individualized classes according to their age, functioning level and abilities. This allows them to be placed on a level which best meets their individual needs.

## PRIMARY LEVEL

The Primary Level is geared to students, ages five to ten, who are beginning their religious instruction. The lessons taught are basics such as: who is God? Creation, Jesus and Learning to pray. Simple, fun-filled activities, story telling, music and arts and crafts are the teaching methods most often used on this level. Activities for fine motor control, reading readiness and basic learning skills are also part of the curriculum.



## INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

The Intermediate Level is geared to students ages eleven to sixteen. The curriculum includes Bible Stories, Life of Jesus, learning about the Church and the Mass. Students participate in group activities., role-playing, arts and crafts and independent reading and learning activities. The Intermediate Level curriculum also includes the same methods used in the primary level classes, but on a more advanced level.

## YOUNG ADULT LEVEL

Students on the Young Adult Level range in age from seventeen to twenty-one. This level provides a specialized curriculum for students with good reading skills and the ability to work independently. Lessons include the Holy Spirit, the Ten Commandments, Prayer and God's Community. The students also learn about values, sharing and making choices, and each class includes time for socializing.

## SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Students at The Meriden Roman Catholic Special Religious Education Program, when ready, are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Throughout the school year the students participate in special events. These include Holiday Celebrations, Christmas Liturgy, field trips, retreats and our annual field day.

## JOURNEY PROGRAM

In addition to Religious Education, The Meriden Roman Catholic Special Religious Education Program offers a monthly program for special needs adults. Further information about this program is available on request.

