

ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF THE TONAWANDAS

FAITH FORMATION 2025-2026

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Welcome to the 2025/2026 faith formation year for the Roman Catholic Community of the Tonawandas.

All classes will be held at Our Lady of Czestochowa, 57 Center Avenue, North Tonawanda, NY, in the school.

Fees - \$ 80.00 per family *plus* , if applicable
First Reconciliation fee \$20.00 per child
First Communion fee \$30.00 per child
Confirmation fee \$40.00 per child

Summary of RCCT Faith Formation Program

1. **Faith Formation in the Home** – home study for Grades K-9 *PLUS* attendance at, *at least 2*, family faith activities (which will be announced) during the school year and contact with the faith formation in the home coordinator. Students will complete quizzes in which results are emailed to the home coordinator and recorded.
2. **Growing a family of Faith (GOF)** – A hybrid model of catechesis.
 - a.) Families will gather one time per month, usually the first Sunday of the month October through May (dates tba)
 - b.) Families are encouraged to attend the 9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Czestochowa (OLC)
 - c.) After Mass, families will gather in the OLC parish hall for a community meal, which will consist of breakfast type foods.
 - d.) After our community meal, children will go to grade level sessions where they will be taught the 1st session in a unit.
 - e.) Parents of children in Kindergarten - 6th grade, as well as any other adults who wish to stay, will remain in the Hall where there will be a parent-focused exploration of the topic.

- f.) After each monthly meeting, you will have the rest of the month to teach your child the remaining four sessions of the unit. To guide you through each session, you will use the At-Home Edition, which we will provide to you (home kit), in conjunction with their Children's Book. You can access the At-Home Edition online as well. To gauge your child's understanding of the faith concepts, he or she will complete an Interactive Session Review online after each session and e-mail the results to the Growing a family of Faith (GOF) coordinator, which will be recorded.
- g.) The 4 interactive session reviews for the unit must be submitted prior to the next GOF Session.

3. Weekly In Person Classes held in 3 consecutive weeks

- a.) Sunday – If you elect to attend weekly in person classes, families will attend the first session of the unit as described in 2 above for the Growing a family of Faith (GOF) program. Children will then return the following 2 weeks of the month on Sunday from 10 am – 11:30 am for instruction.
- b.) Saturday – 8:30 am – 10 am Grades K-8
- c.) Monday evenings – 6:00-7:30 Grades K-9
- d.) Tuesday evenings – 6:00-7:30 Grades K-9

If you elect 3b, 3c, or 3d above, parents of students in grades K to 6 will be required to attend the last 30 minutes at the end of each unit to learn about family activities to continue at home.

4. Sacramental Preparation

- a.) **First Reconciliation (2nd grade); First Communion (3rd grade):** preparation will start in the classes or

home study. Four times a year families preparing for these sacraments will be asked to attend 4 preparation sessions. These sessions will be held on a Saturday afternoon from 3:30 - 4:30 pm followed by attendance at Mass at OLC at 5 PM. A mandatory retreat is also required Date TBA. Parent or responsible adult is asked to attend with their child.

b.) Confirmation (10th grade)

(i) **For students *not* attending Catholic high school** classes will be offered as follows:

Sunday morning 10 am – 12 pm

Sunday evening from 6 PM-8 PM

Tuesday evening from 6PM to 8 PM.

- Students will attend *one* 2 hour in person session per month; there will be a schedule for the classes. Work will be assigned to be completed prior to the next in person session.
- Students will also be asked to complete 6 hours of service; which includes 3 hours for the RCCT. We will also do a three hour project as a group.
- There will also be a retreat to attend in spring more details to follow.

(ii) **The students who attend Catholic High school;** will be asked to attend 4 classes at OLC starting in February; and fulfill all other requirements as outlined above. Including service and a mandatory retreat.

Please visit our website at www.rcct.faith and check out the Faith Formation tab for more information and to register for one of the options above