

Parent Information 2026-2027 Faith formation program

Thank you for choosing the program for faith formation for Family 18 RCCT

We are continuing the programs we started last year

Growing our Faith Family (GOF) - Sessions are the First Sunday of each month; *plus* the option of attending 2 additional Sunday classes in the month **OR** completing the remainder of the unit at home. Families with children in grades Pre-K to 8 are required to stay for the family session; families in grades 7-9 are strongly encouraged to attend the family session as well. [Grades Pre-K-9]

Faith formation in the home- pick up material and instructions. Complete material at home and timely complete **on-line** review sessions to show completion of the material. A suggested completion schedule for units will be provided. [Grades K-9]

In person week day classes- Monday and Tuesday evening classes from 6 PM till 7:30 PM from the end of September through April. [Grades K to 9]

Confirmation classes-For students attending public school: you must have completed the 9th grade year before entering classes in 10th grade to prepare for Confirmation. There is no faith formation in the home for Confirmation preparation. Classes are twice a month and there are additional requirements that will be covered in the parent meeting.

We try our best to accommodate the class requests but if there is not a sufficient number of students to conduct a class, we will then ask you to choose your second option.

Additional changes

All of our options for faith formation need to feature family catechesis in order to comply with Diocesan policy. We are asking families in our program to attend 2 family- faith- fun and service sessions during the year. These are events with learning, crafts and fun that we sponsor during the year. Families with students in grades K to 6 you will be able to sign up for the sessions in August via sign-up genius. Families with students in grades 7 through 10; we are asking the students

to volunteer to help out at the events. This applies to all families including those in the summer program.

Preparation for sacraments - there are 2 requirements that we need to comply with this year:

1. Students **must** have one year of faith formation before they enter sacrament preparation. This means that students who will be preparing for First Reconciliation in 2nd grade must have attended 1st grade before beginning sacrament preparation for First Reconciliation. Likewise, students in 3rd grade must have attended 2nd grade faith formation before preparing for First Communion. This procedure also applies to public school students preparing for Confirmation. They must have completed 9th grade faith formation.
2. Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion will be conducted separately from grade level faith formation classes. There will be 4 ninety minute sessions offered on Saturday morning or afternoon during the year. There will be a parent meeting in August; we are asking the parents to attend the meeting, the first session and the retreat. Students will attend sessions 2 and 3 without parents. Session 4 is the retreat. **This procedure applies to both students attending Catholic school and public school.**

Once again thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you and your families.