



"Let no one have contempt for your youth,
but set an example for those who believe,
in speech, conduct, love, faith, and
purity."

~1 Timothy 4:12

Dear Faith Formation Parents,

Welcome to our Faith Formation Program. Our first day of Faith Formation classes begins on Sunday, **13th of August 2017**. Serving as the Coordinator of Religious Education here at Holy Spirit Church is a privilege for me. It is a delight and a great joy for me to work with the children of our Parish. I am looking forward to meeting each of you as I work with your little ones. Below are a few notes to help:

- **Registration Fee for Faith Formation class \$ 20.00; each additional \$ 15.00.**
- **First Penance and First Eucharist Registration Fee of \$20.00. Note: This is a separate fee from Faith Formation one listed above.**
- **Children's Bible:**
One of the goals of our Parish Planning Days five years ago was for each parishioner to have a loving, working knowledge of the Bible. To facilitate this goal, students in 2nd through 5th grade will be required to purchase The Children Catholic Bible. Father Tom is offering this bible at a discounted price of \$10 (\$30 value) and it will be your child's bible to keep. If you have not already purchased a copy, please complete and return the Parent Order Form with your \$10 payment and turn it in with your child's registration form and fee.
- **Worksheets:**
To encourage you and your child to share in God's Word together, *each* child will bring home a weekly worksheet. For parents to remind and assist their student to complete and return the worksheet by the next class will, in effect, be a Spiritual Work of Mercy. The teacher, in turn, will check the work and acknowledge each completed worksheet on the classroom bulletin board next to the child's name. For the duration of Faith Formation, this will provide us a way of encouraging and rewarding the student.

➤ **Folders:**

Each student will have a Faith Formation 'take-home folder'. Please look over the information being sent home. It will help your family grow in faith as you practice what your child is learning and allow myself and the Catechists to communicate important news. ***Please return with the folders each Sunday.***

➤ **Drop Off:**

Please drop children off at their classrooms in the Seton building at 9:15am, and then help us keep the hall clear for other arriving students.

➤ **Pick Up:**

Please pick-up all K-5th students at 10:45am, promptly. Pre-K children will be dismissed at 10:30am. Students should be picked up directly from their classrooms. For the safety of the children, ***only Parents or their registered adult may pick up students.*** At 10:50am, any remaining students will be taken into the Church, to pews near the choir, for the 11:00am Mass, *to enable our catechists to attend Mass.*

➤ **Service:**

Classroom helpers and substitute Catechists are always needed for our Faith Formation program. If you are able to be a weekly or bi-weekly assistant, or simply an occasional substitute Catechist, please contact me.

Enclosed is a calendar with the dates for Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation for the coming year. We look forward to a great year! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. Keep our teachers and our students in your prayers. Come Holy Spirit!!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
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