Faith Formation

Summer 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that this letter finds you well. Preparations are currently being made for this coming year's Faith Formation Program. For those new to our program…welcome! To those who are returning this year, a renewed welcome to you too. It is a great pleasure and honor to be able to assist you in passing along our Faith to your child(ren).

Last year, with the exception of grades 2 and 9, the program was limited to homeschooling. Now that the pandemic seems to be under control and each day more of the restrictions are lifted, we feel that we can safely offer in-person classes for all grades.

In the past we were able to offer sessions for grades 1-6 on Mondays. This year, because of spacing concerns and limitations, grades 1, 2, 5 & 6 will meet on Monday afternoons/evenings and grade 3 & 4 will meet on Tuesday afternoons.

Grades 7 & 8 will continue to meet once a month from September through April on Sunday evenings. A schedule of these dates is attached.

* Grades 1 & 2 - weekly on **Mondays** from 4:45pm – 5:45pm
* Grade 3 & 4 - weekly on **Tuesdays** from 4:45pm – 5:45pm
* Grades 5 & 6 - weekly on **Mondays** from 6:00pm – 7:00pm
* Grades 7 & 8 - once a month on **Sunday evenings** from 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

We realize that not every family will feel comfortable returning to in-person learning. There will be a "Home-Study" option available for those students who don't feel comfortable or who cannot attend the class sessions due to scheduling conflicts. Parents who choose this option will need to make an appointment with me to discuss the program and to get the required materials.

We strongly discourage homeschooling for <u>second graders</u> because it is a sacramental year. In second grade students receive both First Reconciliation and First Communion)

<u>Attached is a registration form. For scheduling purposes, REGISTRATION FORMS WITH PAYMENT SHOULD BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1st.</u>

Forms and payment can be mailed to the church or placed in an envelope in the collection basket at Mass. Please fill out a separate form for each child.

Attendance will be taken at each class session. If your child is unable to attend a class due to illness, please email me at josephtatta@yahoo.com or contact your child's teacher. Students with excessive absences may be required to repeat their current grade.

As with any program, communication is very important. Hopefully you are already receiving parish emails from office@resurrectionct.org . If not, please forward your email address to office@resurrectionct.org and we will add you. Information will also be posted on Facebook (Resurrection Church) and our parish app. You can download our free parish app by searching myParish in the App Store or Google Play on your smartphone or tablet.

It is my hope and prayer that your child will have a wonderful, faith-filled experience this year. As parents, you are the primary educators of our Catholic Faith to your children. It is our job to assist you in the process. We cannot take your place. It would be most helpful if you reinforced what is taught during class. It is also VERY important to bring your child(ren) to Mass each week. Class discussions and lessons are based on the Scripture Readings proclaimed at Mass.

Finally, my door is always open. If you need to talk, ask a question, or share a concern, don't hesitate to reach out. I would love to hear from you. I can be reached at (203) 265-1694, josephtatta@yahoo.com or by appointment.

With every good wish,

Joseph R. Tatta
Pastoral Associate & Director of Faith Formation

P.S. We are in need of two more teachers for this year. Materials, support and plans will be provided. Substitute teachers are also needed. Please email me at josephtatta@yahoo.com or call at (203) 265-1694 if you are interested or would like more information.