



**Our Lady of the Fields – Office of Faith Formation**  
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Dear Parents and Families of Our Lady of the Fields:

Welcome to our **2021-2022** Faith Formation program!

Thank you for choosing us to support you as your child's first teachers of our Catholic Faith. Our parish Children's Faith Formation program accompanies you in your most important role by providing structured, age-appropriate curriculum, and educational opportunities for your child's spiritual growth and enrichment every year throughout their childhood.

This year our program combines essential elements for in-person learning at our parish center, with family faith-sharing in the home. We will offer class sessions in the traditional format with a catechist every other week for children entering pre-Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We will provide parents with family-friendly resources for catechesis in the home on alternate weeks, as well as monthly parent enrichment sessions with staff via Zoom. We will also offer optional events for parents including parish retreats and bible studies. Our year begins with a Parent Orientation Zoom Meeting, either on **Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM, or Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM**. Our first sessions with a catechist begin the week of **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> with a "Meet-and-Greet the Catechist" for you and your children**. Family materials will be available for parents to collect on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

We will follow proper COVID protocols for in-person classes. We will have safe-distancing and limited capacities for each classroom; therefore, registration will be on a first-come first-served basis. It would be easiest for our families to register for a preferred class session and make changes later if necessary. Children will have their own materials in the classrooms. Tuition fees will cover your child's workbook (Finding God by Loyola Press for Kindergarten through grade 8; and ALLELU! by Our Sunday Visitor for pre-K) **plus** a Digital copy for use at home for K- through gr 8. If you prefer, you may purchase an additional workbook for home use for \$20.00 from our office.

***New this year!*** Registration is online for our 2021/22 Faith Formation Program. ***We will send an invoice by email requesting payment after receiving your registration.*** To register, please visit our parish website or click this link: <https://www.ourladyofthefields.org/childrens-faith-formation/>

The registration deadline for 2021-22 classes is **July 15, 2021**. PLEASE HONOR THIS DEADLINE, even if you must change your class selection later. **Those waiting for sports or other extracurricular schedules may not get their first choice of class times. This year we may be forced to eliminate sessions based on the registrations we have received by July 15<sup>th</sup>.** A completed registration form is required for us to enroll a child in a class. We appreciate your cooperation and assistance in our planning process.

A family's financial need should never be a barrier to faith formation. Please contact [andrea@olfparish.com](mailto:andrea@olfparish.com) for assistance.

Children who have been away from faith formation for extended periods of time after receiving First Sacraments may need to enter special classes if they want to be eligible to prepare for further sacraments.



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Please use this registration form if:

- Your children (ages 4 to 13) are entering **Preschool through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**
- You plan to prepare a child to celebrate **Baptism, Eucharist, or Reconciliation** during this upcoming faith formation year. (Parents will receive further information about sacramental preparation via electronic and “snail” mail after registering for faith formation.)
- **RCIC - Catechumenate for Children and Teens:** Children (ages 7-13) who are not yet baptized and seek to become Catholic are prepared through our catechumenate. We offer special sessions for children and teens.
- **IFF:** Initial Faith Formation for baptized children with no formal faith formation experience to date.

*Please note:* **Orientation for parents interested in preparing their children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist** will be Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM or Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM in the Parish Hall.

If you are interested in learning more about our Catholic faith individually or by joining the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, please contact us: [faithformation@olfparish.com](mailto:faithformation@olfparish.com).

**Summer with the Saints** – Are you interested in participating in our weeklong summer program for children entering Kindergarten through grade 5 in September? **Summer with the Saints** will take place July 12<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:15AM to 12:35PM. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information or check it out on our website: <https://www.ourladyofthefields.org/summer-with-the-saints>.

We look forward to serving you and your families through the summer and into the new faith formation year. If you have questions, please email us: [faithformation@olfparish.com](mailto:faithformation@olfparish.com).

Thank you!

Kind regards,

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Office hours: Sundays – 8:00AM to 2:00PM; Mondays through Thursdays 9:00AM to 5:00PM; Tuesdays 9:00AM to 6:00PM; and by appointment.

**Confirmation:** For all information and inquiries regarding Youth Ministry and Confirmation for 9<sup>th</sup> grade and above, please contact our our Director of Youth Ministry, Mary Beth Loeffler at 410-923-7024 [MaryBeth@olfparish.com](mailto:MaryBeth@olfparish.com). Thank you!