

Dear families,

It has been a great first year for me as the parish has welcomed me and made me feel like I fit in right from the start for which I am incredibly grateful. We are at a unique time in the world and it has provided an important moment for all of us to step back and reflect on the big questions. Where is my relationship with God? Is it a daily priority? Am I lukewarm? Is it non-existent? The present circumstances in the world have challenged all of us to evaluate where we are in our faith.

There will be 2 options for the upcoming 2022-2023 Faith Formation year:

<u>Option 1</u>: Materials to be covered at home coupled with student in-class instruction that will meet twice a month at the Holy Apostles Parish Center.

Option 2: Home-schooling for grades 1 – 9 with a parent/guardian commitment to meet once a month via in-person/zoom to touch base on how the home-schooling is going. Once a month meetings will be held Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:30 PM at OLOL Church. For those that a "day" option would work better I will be building a calendar of "slots" where you can touch base with me either in person or via zoom.

These 2 options are to help to set the goal of connecting families, team and staff to learn, pray and grow in our faith together to create a stronger Holy Apostles faith community.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

In our own time, in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centers of living radiant faith. CCC #1656

"In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." John 16:33

Parents/Guardians your impact on the faith of your children is invaluable and so desperately needed in the Church and in the world!

Faith Formation Structure to consist of:

- a. <u>Home (videos/books and prayer/reflection)</u>: Opening prayer, videos/books/handouts, and questions and closing prayer. Outlines to be provided for each chapter for all grades.
- b. <u>Flexibility</u>: sit down watch/read together or individually watch videos or read chapter then come together for prayer and reflection on questions. Two weeks in between classes to accomplish this is achievable and flexible and not time intensive.
- c. <u>Classes at Holy Apostles Parish Center:</u> Grade level in person meeting twice a month for 75 minutes. Parents and Guardians we will definitely need you as catechists!
- d. <u>Home-school commitment</u>: Parent/Guardian touching base either in person or via zoom once a month for homeschooling progress.

The content and chapter outlines for each grade will be provided to set families and catechists up for success to grow and learn in our Catholic faith.

Enclosed you will find calendar for grade level class dates.

<u>Parent Information Nights</u> will be held on the following: Sunday, September 18th from 6:30 to 8 PM and Tuesday, September 20th 6:30 to 8 PM at Our Lady of the Lake church.

*REGISTRATION – We will have in-person registration where you can bring your paperwork to St. Joseph the Worker or Our Lady of the Lake at the following times:

- Sunday, August 14th after the 10:30 AM Mass at SJTW from 11:30 to 1 PM.
- Sunday, August 14th after the 5 PM Mass at OLOL from 6 to 7:30 PM.
- Families with 1 child tuition is \$150. Families with 2 or more tuition is \$250 flat. Checks made out to "Holy Apostles Parish". Please do not let finances get in the way of your child participating in faith formation as scholarships can be provided.
- For those that cannot make the registration on August 14th please mail it at your convenience to the office: Holy Apostles Parish, Attn: Faith Formation, 575 Monponsett Street, Halifax, Ma. 02338.

Please contact me with any questions.

God bless,
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