FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?

Why are so many questions asked on the registration form?

St. Aidan's Faith Formation classes welcome all children and promote a least restrictive environment for its students. The information requested on the registration forms will help us to maintain comfortable, safe, and productive classes for students and their catechists. Any information parents share with us is considered confidential and only shared with the catechists who are meeting individual children's needs as appropriate. If a child would benefit from a smaller class ratio or has a very individual learning style, St. Aidan's Faith Formation also has a Multisensory Program. This program is only recommended for children whose needs would not be met in an inclusive setting. An interview is needed for new students applying for the Multisensory Program. Regardless of the program attended all students are nurtured in the faith and receive sacramental preparation. Our goal is to honor every child's individuality. Also, while the probability of an emergency medical situation is remote, having up-to-date medical information is essential to keeping all students safe.

Why are parents asked to complete the video release?

Our students ae legally minors under the jurisdiction of their parents. Occasionally, we like to take pictures of various activities the children engage in. The photo releases allow us to take class pictures and hang them up for the children and families to enjoy. Occasionally an activity picture may be placed in the bulletin. Under no circumstances would we ever release any pictures to any press or online without checking with the parents involved. While the actual photo/video release on the forms is a blanket legal statement provided to us by the diocese, we respect the rights of parents to decide what information should be shared with the public at all times.

Why is the student's grade asked for two times on the registration form?

The registration form asks for the student's school grade and Faith Formation grade because for some children, they are not the same. There are situations where children have gaps in their Faith Formation or may start Faith Formation classes later. Consequently, they may be placed in a different grade to help them catch-up. These individual situations are ordinarily addressed by the Director who meets with the parents involved to best meet the needs of the child. Whatever the determination, placement can be delayed if the correct Faith Formation grade is not included.