

August 2026 Insights from the DRE

Faith Formation & Community Catechesis Year Two of Our Journey Toward Restored Order (2026-2027)

Last year marked the beginning of our parish's transition toward **Restored Order** and the launch of our **Faith Formation** programs, which includes **Community Catechesis**. As we enter our second year of progression, we look forward to continuing this exciting journey of faith together.

The Community Catechesis presentations facilitate diving into deeper waters of faith formation. There is always something new and profound to learn about our Catholic faith, the teachings of the Church, and our relationship with Christ.

We invite everyone to join us each Sunday following the **7:30 a.m. Mass** for a light breakfast and fellowship in the **Main Hall of the new building**.

Registration for the new program year has opened. One of the exciting new features for this year is the introduction of **online registration**, making the process more convenient for families. All are welcome, including:

- Singles
- Families
- Empty Nesters
- Military personnel and families who may be stationed here temporarily

What Does This Second Year of Progression Toward Restored Order Mean for Families?

Children Ages 9 and Older

- ✚ Children who are baptized and are **9 years of age or older** will be prepared to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2027**.
- ✚ Confirmation preparation sessions will be held on **Wednesdays in Seton Hall**, beginning in **January 2027**.
- ✚ Children who have not yet received the Sacraments of **Reconciliation and/or First Holy Communion** will be prepared for those sacraments as part of their formation before receiving Confirmation.

Rising Fourth Graders

- ✚ Children who are not yet 9 years old but will be **entering 4th grade** may also receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2027**.

Children Age 7

- ✚ Children who are **7 years old** will begin preparation for the Sacraments of **Confirmation, Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion**, which they will celebrate in **2028**.
- ✚ These children will receive catechetical formation during both this year and the following year.
- ✚ They will be the first group fully formed according to the **Restored Order model**, receiving the sacraments in their restored sequence.

As we continue this journey together, we thank you for your commitment to your children's faith formation and for being part of this historic transition in our parish. Let us continue growing in faith, knowledge, and love of Christ as a parish family.

"Put out into the deep water and lower your nets for a catch." (Luke 5:4)

🙏 **Let us pray for our children, that strengthened by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, they may grow into joyful witnesses of Christ.**