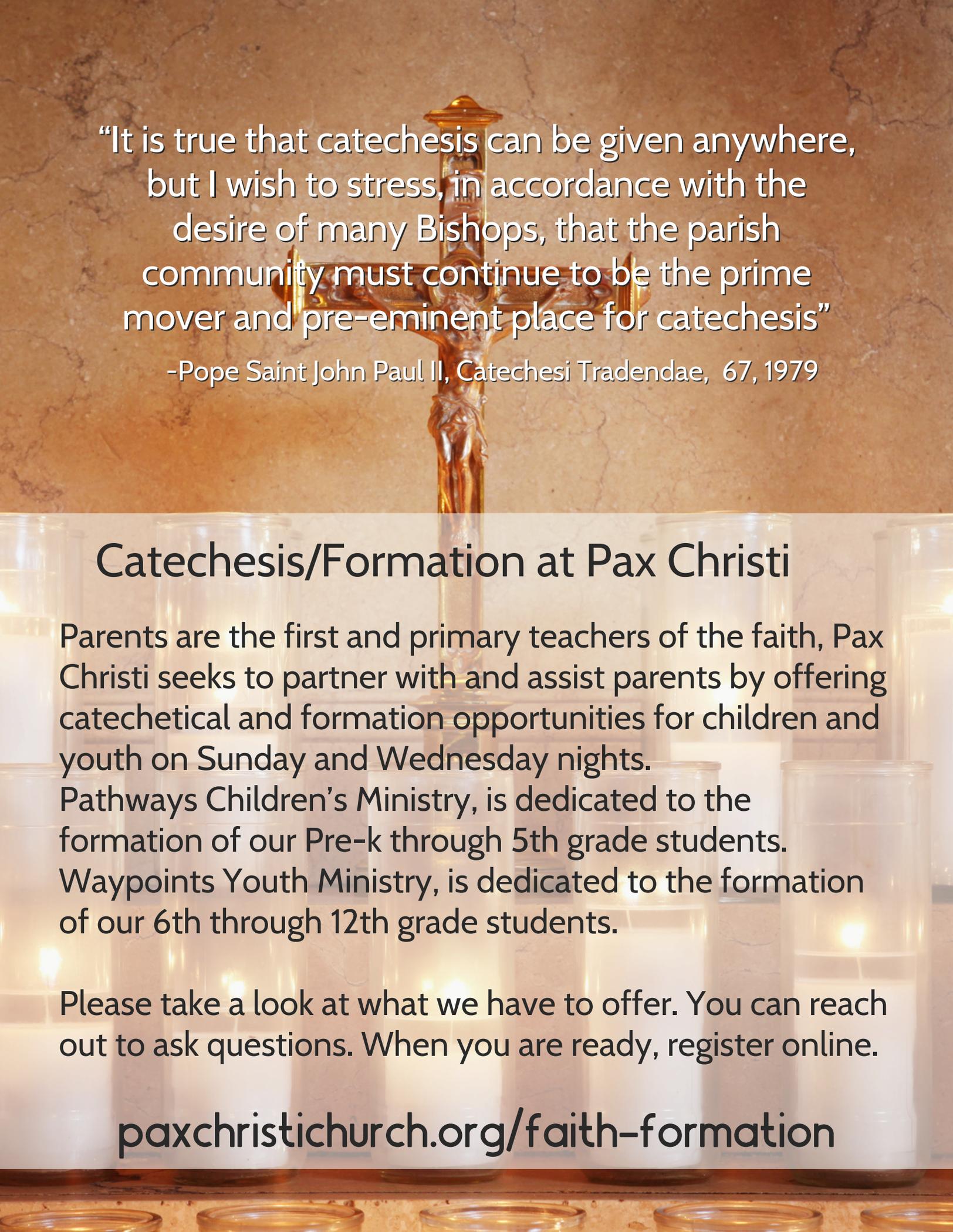


Pax Christi Catholic Church
Children & Youth
2025-2026
Formation Catalog





“It is true that catechesis can be given anywhere, but I wish to stress, in accordance with the desire of many Bishops, that the parish community must continue to be the prime mover and pre-eminent place for catechesis”

-Pope Saint John Paul II, *Catechesi Tradendae*, 67, 1979

Catechesis/Formation at Pax Christi

Parents are the first and primary teachers of the faith, Pax Christi seeks to partner with and assist parents by offering catechetical and formation opportunities for children and youth on Sunday and Wednesday nights.

Pathways Children’s Ministry, is dedicated to the formation of our Pre-k through 5th grade students.

Waypoints Youth Ministry, is dedicated to the formation of our 6th through 12th grade students.

Please take a look at what we have to offer. You can reach out to ask questions. When you are ready, register online.

paxchristichurch.org/faith-formation



Formation Opportunities

Sunday Morning During 9 am Mass

PreK-1st Grade, *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

Sunday Evenings 6:00-7:30pm

Preschool-5th Grade, *Kingdom Kids*

- 2nd Grade includes 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion preparation

Sunday Evenings 6:00-7:30pm

9th-10th Grade, Waypoints Confirmation Prep.

YDisciple Small Groups

9th-12th Grade, Waypoints High School

YDisciple Small Group

Wednesday Evenings 4:00-5:30 PM

Preschool-5th Grade, *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*

-2nd Grade Includes 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion Prep.

Wednesday Evenings 6:00-7:30 pm

6th-8th Grade, Waypoints Middle School *YDisciple* Small Groups

Volunteer Opportunities

Catechist/Small Group Leader

Responsible for preparing/reviewing content/lesson plan for each class/small group. Seeks to be not only a teacher but also a model for the children or youth in one's class/small group.

Asst. Catechist/Small Group Leader

Responsible for assisting the catechist(s). Seeks to be not only a teacher but also a model for the children or youth in one's class/small group.

Sub. Catechist/Small Group Leader

Responsible for filling in when a catechist/assistant catechist is unable to attend, subs are often called upon on short notice to fill in for someone who might call in ill.

Child Care Supervisor

Responsible for watching the young children (infant-3 years old) of volunteers during times a class/small group is meeting.

Room/Program Supplies Preparation

Responsible for assisting staff in preparing supplies, lesson plans, etc... This job is flexible.





Descriptions

Pre-k through 1st Grade, Children's Liturgy of the Word (Sun During 9am Mass)

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered at the 9 am Mass throughout the school year. The Celebrant calls children forward after the opening prayer and dismisses them with trained catechists who guides them through the Mass readings, an activity, and prayer in a way that appeals to a child's understanding. Children return to Mass and sit with their families again just before the offering.

Kindergarten through 5th Grade, Kingdom Kids (Sun)

Kingdom Kids uses "Allelu!" by Our Sunday Visitor for preschool-kindergarten and "Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts" for 1st-5th grade. Both curricula integrate fundamental themes of the Catechism of the Catholic Church with Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching. As children are introduced to, and revisit concepts and vocabulary from one year to the next, their knowledge and experience both broaden and deepen as they grow in faith as committed disciples of Jesus. Our time together includes hands on learning through activities such as art projects, music, church tours, and more. Students typically prepare for First Reconciliation and First Communion in Second Grade.

Pre-K through 5th Grade, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Wed)

CGS uses the Montessori method of learning/formation and focuses on exploring the religious values of childhood, primarily those values of contemplation and enjoyment of God. This experience is shared in a place particularly prepared for the religious life of children called the atrium. The atrium (or prepared environment) is one of the important elements that helps the relationship between God and the child to flourish. After a theme has been presented, the child is free to choose a work that will make possible the inner dialogue with the "Good Shepherd." The atrium can be compared to a retreat house facilitating reflection and silence. Students typically prepare for First Reconciliation and First Communion in Second Grade.

6th through 8th Grade, Waypoints Small Groups (Wed)

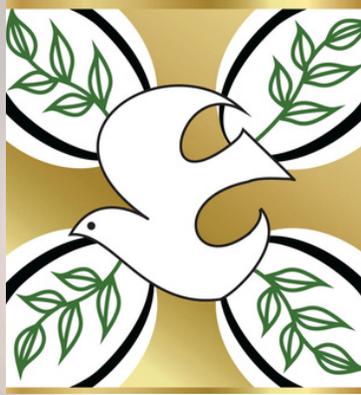
Our middle school groups this year will be nourished through YDisciple. YDisciple isn't just another video resource or program. Programs don't make disciples. Only a disciple can. That's why YDisciple couples video resources with extensive training and support for leaders. These resources include not only the highest caliber, Catholic videos for young people but also guides to help leaders facilitate meaningful discussion, participant guides to help middle schoolers grasp key concepts, and parent resources to encourage parents to stay engaged. These groups will strive to cultivate disciples by building a foundation for the sacrament of Confirmation which students will intensely prepare for in grades nine and ten.

9th and 10th Grade Waypoints, Confirmation Preparation (Sun)

Confirmation preparation at Pax Christi is a two year process, beginning typically in 9th grade and culminating with the reception of the Sacrament in 10th grade. We will utilize YDisciple for cultivating these small groups on Sunday evenings; these groups will be made up of friends and peers led by adult and peer leaders. Students and leaders remain in the same small group for two years to build trust and deep relationships with one another. Students in Confirmation preparation will learn about the faith, explore vocations, and make a commitment of their lives to the Gospel and an ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ as his disciple.

High School Waypoints, Small Group & Student Leadership (Sun)

Once students have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, they are invited to continue their lifelong discipleship journey in a YDisciple high school small group comprised of fellow peers on Sunday nights. These groups will provide an opportunity to develop relationships, to provide a place of encounter where teens can feel known, loved, and cared for. We hope that these groups provide a place where teens have the freedom to open up about their struggles and doubts. Topics will be customized to best reach the teens in a way that is authentic and faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church. We also provide opportunities for leadership. We love to have student leaders in our small groups on Sundays; this is a great way to live out one's call to discipleship and lifelong relationship with Jesus.



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