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St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish- Faith Formation K-8

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Does my child need to attend classes every year from K to 8th grade?

A: Yes, your child should attend classes as part of their faith formation. Every year we learn and grow, and our faith is an essential part of that growth. If you decide that your child will not be attending from 3rd-6th grade, when they return in 7th grade there will be family meetings and make-up work to make up for lost time. In order to receive the sacraments of Penance, 1st Eucharist, and Confirmation students are required to attend at least 2 consecutive years of Faith Formation (ex: John Smith wants to receive 1st Communion in 2nd grade, he should attend Faith Formation classes beginning in 1st grade)

Q: When do classes begin?

A: Classes begin on Sunday, September 24th, and Tuesday, September 26 (one week after Catechetical Sunday)

Q: How often do classes meet and how long is the class?

A: We meet once a week on Sundays or Tuesdays for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Catechists will let parents know if they are letting their class out early that day.

Q: When does my child receive the sacrament of first Reconciliation and first Communion?

A: Your child can receive the sacrament of first Reconciliation and First Communion as early as 2nd grade. First Communion and First Reconciliation preparation starts in 1st grade and lasts for 2 years. Your child will receive the sacraments in the spring of 2nd grade.

Q: How long is the Confirmation preparation?

A: Confirmation preparation starts in 7th grade and lasts for 2 years. Your child will receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 8th grade. [Link to Confirmation FAQ](#)

Q: What do I do if I miss the registration window?

A: Contact the Faith Formation Director as soon as possible.

Q: What do I do if my child is ‘missing sacraments’ (has not received some or any of the following: Baptism, First Reconciliation, or First Communion) by second grade?

A: Contact the Faith Formation director and let her know which sacraments you wish your child to receive, so the best process for preparation can be determined and classes organized.

Q: What if my child is past 8th grade and has not had any or some of the sacraments by 8th grade?

A: Contact the Faith Formation director and she will determine and explain if your child is a candidate for the RCIT (Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens) or RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program or if they will be able to join the next confirmation class.

Q: What is my role as a parent/grandparent in my child’s faith formation?

A: Parents and grandparents play a vital role in the faith formation of their children, by:

- ❖ **Attending Mass regularly with their children**
- ❖ **Going to Confession regularly**
- ❖ Reinforcing learning
- ❖ Giving spiritual guidance
- ❖ Modeling Catholic values
- ❖ Prayer, devotion, and cultivating a love for scripture
- ❖ Discussing morality and ethics like social justice, human dignity, and the importance of making ethical choices
- ❖ Being involved in the Faith Formation program and serving others

Q: Who do I contact if I have any questions regarding Faith Formation?

A: Contact the Faith Formation Director, Daniela Perez, by either emailing her at dperez@stteresaofcalcuttanj.org or calling 856-858-0298