

# Saint Rose of Lima Faith Formation Handbook 2016-2017

Dear Parents,

Jesus calls each of us by **name** into communion and intimacy with Him. In our faith formation classes, we will learn about Him, pray to Him, serve Him in our neighbors and receive His grace through the Sacraments. He will teach us and lead us. He is our teacher. We are His students, the sheep of his flock.

Yours in Christ,

Sharon Egan, Coordinator,  
Religious Education

## Curriculum



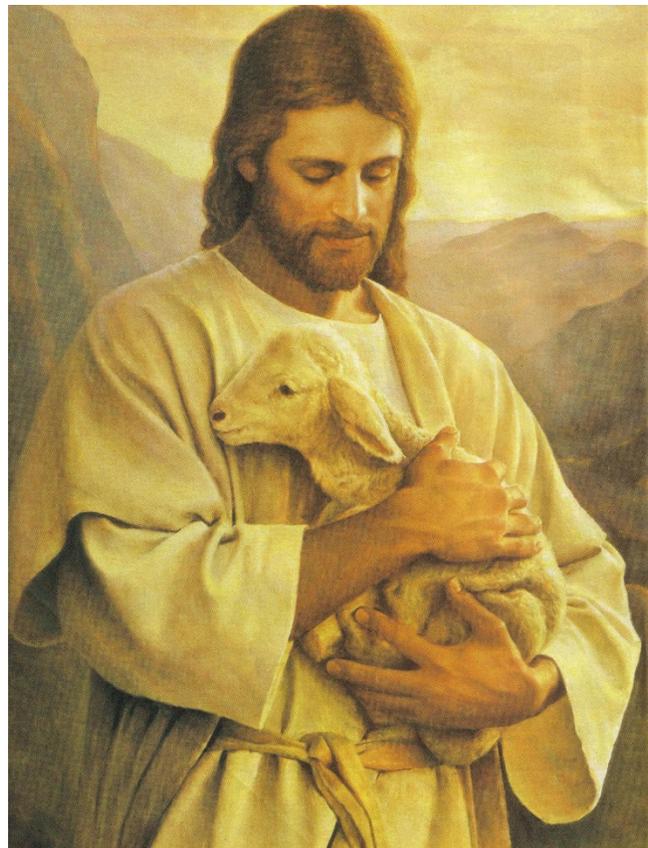
Catechists use resources that meet The U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops and Diocesan guidelines for catechesis. We also follow the Diocesan guidelines for each grade level, which can be found at:

<http://www.hbgdiocese.org/religious-education/religious-education-services-and-programs/>

For ages 3 to 6 years old: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, based on the Montessori method. And the ABCs of Catholic Faith from [www.catholicliving.com](http://www.catholicliving.com).

Grades 1-6, including First Holy Communion Class: Faith and Life Series from Saint Ignatius Press.

Confirmation Classes: Decision Point from Dynamic Catholic.



## Safe Environment Lessons

Students in first, fifth and ninth grades are taught the lesson plan on Safe Environment provided by the Diocese. Additional child safety information will be sent home prior to the lessons being taught. The lesson plans are available on the Diocesan website.

## Sacramental Preparation



The Faith Formation program prepares students to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The Diocese of Harrisburg **requires participation in two years of faith formation**, for First Holy Communion and for Confirmation.

### Important Dates:

Sep. 18 First Sunday Class; Catechetical Sunday

Sep. 21 First Wednesday Mix and Match Make up Class

Nov. 19 Fan the Fire Confirmation Retreat

Nov. 23—27 Thanksgiving Holiday—No Classes

Dec. 10 9:30 AM to noon: First Reconciliation Retreat

Dec. 21-Jan. 1 Christmas Holiday— No Classes

Jan. 28 10 AM First Reconciliation (snow date Feb 11th)

Mar. 18 9:30 to noon—First Eucharist Retreat

Apr. 16 Easter Sunday—no class

Apr. 29 – First Holy Communion

May 7—Last Class

Confirmation Dates to Be Announced

## Class Times

Classes for pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade are held in the Saint Rose of Lima Parish Center on **Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:15 AM**. Parents may stay and learn with others on a variety of topics in the dining hall. Students may be dropped off no earlier than 8:45 am. Students will be dismissed from class at 10:15. Families are encouraged to attend the 10:30 Mass together if they haven't gone to an earlier Mass.



## Tardiness

Classes will start promptly at 9:00. Arriving late for class disrupts the flow of the lesson, so please be on time. For security purposes, building doors will be locked 10 minutes after classes begin. Please do not leave your child until you are sure they have entered the building.

## Absences

Students may make up absences on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30**. Make-up tutoring sessions will be held in the Parish Center auditorium.

## Communication



The Coordinator of Religious Education will send out e-mails weekly. It is important that we have your correct e-mail address. If you do not have an e-mail address, you will receive written information either sent home with your child or in the regular mail. Please e-mail ([segan@hbgsdiocese.org](mailto:segan@hbgsdiocese.org)) or phone the Coordinator (717-843-3043) with any questions, concerns or comments.

## Program Support



We ask that families contribute to the cost of religious education with their time, talent and treasure. Do and give what you can.

1st child: 65.00

2nd child: 50.00

3rd child: 35.00

Additional children: free

Children will not be denied Faith Formation. Families that are experiencing financial difficulty should contact the pastor.

