

# Saint Andrew

Anchored in Faith  Catholic Church and School

Faith Formation Newsletter — October 2018

## Could *You* Be Convicted of Catholicism?

Some time ago, I heard a Catholic speaker pose the following question: If you were arrested for Catholicism, would prosecutors find enough evidence to convict?

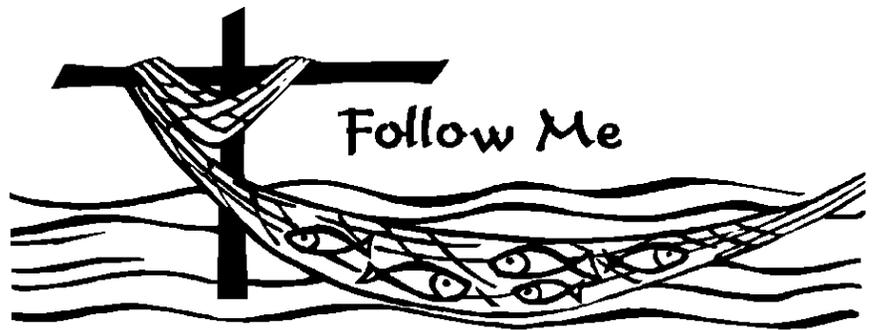
Parent example is the single most important factor in whether young people remain Catholic as adults. But it's not enough to drop them off for Wednesday night classes and show up to Mass on Sundays. It's not even enough to enroll them in our Catholic school! If you want your offspring to be Catholic for the long haul, you need to show that your personal relationship with God is the priority in your life. Take time for prayer every day. Read scripture. Support the church with your gifts and time. Talk about Jesus—and use His name when you do!

If you aren't comfortable with all of that yet, don't worry. Just take the next step. At our Opening Mass and Kickoff, we handed out our Family Expectations and Commitment, which included some ideas for family goals for the year. Discuss it as a family and write down a couple of goals before sending it in. Know that no step is too small, provided it is a step toward Jesus.

Blessings to you all —

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### October Faith Formation Dates

**Wednesday, October 3:** Grades 9-11  
Classes, 6:30-7:45 PM

**Wednesday, October 10:** Grades 1-8  
Classes, 6:30-7:45 PM

NO CLASSES ON OCTOBER 17

**Wednesday, October 24:** Grades 9-11  
Classes, 6:30-7:45 PM

NO CLASSES ON OCTOBER 31

**Wednesday or Thursday, October 31  
or November 1:** All Saint's Mass  
(Holy Day), Wednesday at 6:00 PM or  
Thursday at 10:00 AM or 6:00 PM

### Family Formation: Articles and Resources

- † Check out last week's Wednesday Witness post, "[Family Is the Key](#)," on the parish homepage, [www.saint-andrew.net](http://www.saint-andrew.net).
- † Print and review the Family Expectations and Commitment on our Faith Formation webpage, [www.saint-andrew.net/faith-formation](http://www.saint-andrew.net/faith-formation).
- † If you haven't already, sign your family up for a free FORMED.org account to get access to a multitude of great Catholic movies, videos, audio tracks, and books for all ages.
  - Go to [saint-andrew.formed.org](http://saint-andrew.formed.org).
  - Enter your email and a password to get started.
- † Stay tuned for a great new resource, *Celebrating Sundays for Catholic Families*, an easy-to-use family Mass booklet rolling out to parish families in late November!