

# FAMILY FAITH FORMATION- HOLY NAME & ST. LEONARD

2023-2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is time to sign up for **Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation** for your child/ren for **2023-2024! Please:**

- Review this information and sign up soon!
- Determine if this is a year for Reconciliation/Eucharist Preparation (Gr. 2 ↑) and sign up on the same form.
- Turn all forms in by the **SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup> Deadline!** (This helps me have enough materials and plan our “pods”!)

**Please read this information sheet carefully.** If you have questions or concerns, please let me know. I look forward to working with you on your family’s faith formation journey!

*Erin O’Leary*, Director of Faith Formation,  
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**We need your email!** My main way of communicating with families is email. Please be sure we have yours!

**FORMS!?** You only need to fill out one form per family. Please be sure to read all sections carefully and fill out **ALL PAGES** of the form. This year, the Archdiocese has required a LOT more **legal waivers/acknowledgments!** Please be sure to circle the correct program initials in the **“Learner Information”** section. Finally, be sure to let me know of any special needs and requests! I will try accommodate as many things to help you as I am able!

**CONFIRMATION:** Will only be held if we have at least 6 candidates. Please contact Erin with questions!

**St. Leonard Families:** Please use this form to register for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation/Eucharist and Confirmation. If you would like to participate in a form of Family Formation, please fill out that section and then contact Erin for options since our usual sessions are during the St. Leonard Mass time. We will make a plan for you!

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## **WHY FAMILY FORMATION?**

Family Faith Formation is considered the current “best practice” in Faith Formation. This model recognizes that families are the primary faith influence on their children and supports rather than supplants the families in forming children in our faith. It places an emphasis on formation which includes prayer, discussion, and experiences and ties learning the facts in with growing in faith. **SEE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE!**

## **Basic Information**

Each month, families will meet together for a large group formation session. In between, families will complete one or two family lessons at home using on line resources provided by Erin.

### **Family Formation Classes**

**1 in-person Family session per month, Oct.-May**

**(See calendar sheet)**

**Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Sundays 10-10:55 a.m.**

**-parent/guardian will be WITH their child/ren except for short break-out sessions.**

**\*Required Parent Orientation/  
Zoom Session Options-**

**9/24 @ 10:00 in person! OR**

**9/26 @ 6:30 p.m. ZOOM**

### **Sacramental Programs**

#### **Reconciliation and Eucharist**

**(RE)** Periodic Sundays in person: 10 a.m. and some Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM. with parents and children attending and participating together\*

**\*There will be one session that is for parents only.**

#### **Confirmation**

**(CN)** Periodic Sundays at Noon, TBD depending on numbers.

# Frequently Asked Questions.

## **Family Formation Model?**

In our full Family Formation model, each family will attend one group formation session each month where parents and children participate together. Two “family pods” will be offered each month to accommodate schedules but families only need to attend one. Families can mix and mingle and will have time to discuss together. Some sessions may include break-out sessions where children go into small groups in separate areas with volunteer catechists and teens for a short activity on the topic while parents learn and discuss the topic from an adult perspective IF WE HAVE INTEREST AND VOLUNTEERS. Large groups will be held in Garvey Hall with breakouts in nearby rooms. During the rest of the month, families will have one or two lessons to complete at home created by Erin and available on line.

## **What materials will Holy Name use for Family Formation this year? How will it work?**

- PreK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be using materials from Our Sunday Visitor’s **Alive In Christ** program which includes a PreK component called Allelu and Middle School materials that coordinate but are more “magazine” like.
- All at home lessons are **EASY** to use with a digital platform for parents called FlipGrid. You will get an email with all the steps to follow right there for you! Even the kids’ book pages will be available although we’ll give you books/pamphlets too if you need. You will try to complete one or two at home lessons each month.
- You will be able to **EITHER** have each child do their own lesson with you OR use a family lesson format with all your children together and send back one video on the monthly topic!
- At our monthly Family Formation in person gathering, Erin will teach a family-appropriate session based on the monthly unit theme and/or Liturgical Year seasons/prayers, the Pope’s monthly theme, art, etc.
- **Parents MUST attend one (1) Parent Orientation Session. See calendar for the two options!**

## **Can my children participate in preparation for First Reconciliation and Eucharist if they are not in the regular faith formation sessions?**

- No- unless there is a situation such as a special learning need. We encourage and expect all to participate in regular faith formation to help form community relationships and to grow deeper in relationship with Christ.

## **Do we have to be members of the parish to participate?**

- In general, we are happy to have you participate without being a registered member of the parish except for the reception of Sacraments for which parish registration and on-going formation are required.
- Families with children receiving a Sacrament must be registered in the parish according to Catholic Church Law or provide a letter of permission from the pastor at your current Catholic parish in order to receive the sacraments with us. We will be happy to work with you on this process.

## **What if I have a child in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade (or older) who has not received First Eucharist?**

- Please contact Erin O’Leary for more information and to let her know your need. Be sure to mark it on the Registration Form as well. (Circle the **RE** designation on the form.)
- These children will participate in regular Family Faith Formation as well at their own grade level.

## **What if I have an older child (over age 7) who is not Baptized/Baptized in another faith?**

- We welcome anyone to participate in our faith formation programs. There are no special baptism requirements to participate in regular formation classes.
- If you would like your unbaptized child/ren (or those baptized in another denomination) to receive Catholic sacraments, there is a process called the *Rite of Christian Initiation* which means that they will have some additional learning and sharing sessions to prepare for sacraments.
- Contact Erin O’Leary with questions or to “sign up” so that she knows your need!

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