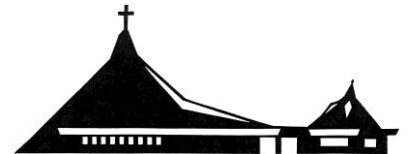




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Dear Faith Formation Parents,

Some years ago (and I am really going to date myself) there was a movie entitled “If It’s Tuesday This Must Be Belgium.” It was about a group of tourists on a typical whirlwind ten-countries-in-a-week European tour that used to be so popular. That pretty much describes the Faith Formation Office this year. With a new director, five new coordinators, and a new pastor, the year has simply flown by. However, it is now May, and at CCOP, “If It’s May, It Must Be Time to Register for Faith Formation.”

As the letter you received in March indicated, we are doing registration in two parts this year. The first part consists of filling out and returning the enclosed forms. Since this part is not being done in person, we are relying on you to read the instruction sheet and fill out the forms carefully. Of course, you can call or e-mail our office if you have questions. Please mail, walk in the forms and your payment **no earlier than May 19th**.

One change I would like to highlight is the volunteer requirement. Our programs are large, so everyone’s time and talents are needed. Every family must choose a volunteer opportunity. The tasks need not be connected to the program(s) in which your family participates. In fact, volunteering in a different program can be a great way to check out other programs and meet new people. Please note that catechist recruitment will be done after all Masses the weekend of May 17/18. If you are ministering or planning to minister as a catechist, your volunteer requirement is waived. Also, our Preschool program will be run as a co-op, so if you are a Preschool parent, your volunteer requirement is waived.

The second part of registration differs according to the program. For all Elementary classes, there will be a Placement Day on Sunday, August 24th. You will be assigned a time slot to come to the Parish Hall and pick your child’s class time and day. The time slot will be determined by the order in which we receive your forms. The sooner you return your forms, the earlier your time slot and the broader your choices for class day and time.

For all other programs, you will be informed as to the day and time of the organizational meeting for that program. This does not mean that returning your forms promptly is unimportant. The Family Program is in great demand and we always have a waiting list. The availability of the Middle School Program varies based on the number of catechists we have. In general, the sooner we receive your forms, the better for all of us. Again, please do call the office if you have any questions.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge Anna Adams, our outgoing CIC and 4:00 pm Children’s Mass Coordinator, and Sandi Wilson, our outgoing Preschool and CLW Coordinator. They have enriched us with their ministry and I know you join me in wishing them well in all their future endeavors.

In Christ,

Anna Horen
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