



# *St. Francis of Assisi Parish*

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**2017**

## **Welcome to Faith Formation at St. Francis of Assisi, Fulton, Maryland!**

Greetings! Attached you will find the information needed to enroll in our program for the 2017-2018 year. If you register on or before June 30, use the enclosed coupon to take \$25.00 off of the registration fee! Hurry! The coupon expires June 30, 2017! In order to secure your place in our programs, we ask that you register on or before August 13, 2017. Some of our sessions have limited capacity, so please register early!

We want to provide a warm and supportive community to learn about our Catholic Faith. We affirm our parents are the primary educators of their children! Our programs provide the tools to continue to instill our Catholic Faith in children beginning at 4 years of age through young people in high school. It is our hope that you and your child will experience what it means to belong to a community of believers, and we look forward to continuing and deepening their faith journey.

It is not just our young people who are involved in the Faith Formation programs at St. Francis. There is an important role for you to play as an adult, whether you are brand new to our programs or returning! Your participation in Faith Formation at St. Francis is instrumental to the program's success. Our programs are led by volunteers and help is always needed, so consider modeling the importance of our Catholic faith to your children. Catechists (session leaders) receive a 50% discount! We provide the tools you need to lead a group – so please prayerfully consider helping out in this ministry!

Sessions begin on October 8 and 9. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. May God continue to bless you and your family this summer!

Blessings,

Fr. Dennis P. Diehl  
Pastor

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are a very important part of our Faith Formation programs. There are a number of ways to be involved in this ministry. While different, all opportunities are equally important and necessary to implement our program. Please consider volunteering to help pass on the Traditions of our Catholic Faith to the children of our parish. A brief description of roles follow:

**\*CATECHIST/SESSION LEADER** – Catechists/Session Leaders have the primary responsibility for leading the session and planning and preparation of the lesson. In elementary and middle school, the catechists are responsible for guidance and discipline of the students. They connect with the families of the children in our program! Catechists will have an assistant to help or provide extra hands with the class.

**\*CO-CATECHIST** – The responsibility for leading the session is shared equally between TWO volunteers. Grab a friend and work together! Or, we will find another person to work with you!

**CATECHIST ASSISTANT** – Assistants work closely with the catechist in all that is involved in leading the session. While the assistant does not have the primary responsibility for the session, he or she must be acquainted with the materials to be able to substitute for the catechist and assist when necessary.

**SUBSTITUTE** – a substitute is called on occasionally to fill in for a catechist or an assistant as needed throughout the Faith Formation year.

**OFFICE HELP** – These courageous volunteers meet during the session time and cut, staple, file or pitch in if extra hands are needed. Volunteers can also help during the week.

**TRAFFIC COORDINATOR/HALL MONITOR** – Volunteers are needed to help with the safety and security of our children. The volunteers will start out being a presence outside as students maneuver the parking lot. When sessions are starting they move inside to the designated areas to keep watch of entrances/exits. Great for someone who could use a half hour to check email or who needs time to read a book! This is a much needed position for the safety and security of all the children. (St. Francis has Wi-Fi! Password is *sfaparish*)

**CONSISTENT ADULT PRESENCE** (Middle/High School) – CAPs are adults who commit to building relationships with our young people by being present on a consistent basis at AYM sessions. CAPs are not necessarily involved in the planning or implementing of sessions but they are encouraged to participate in the activities and discussions. CAPs may be asked to fill in as classroom assistants or small group facilitators as needed.

**SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR** (High School) – Throughout the year, youth ministry sessions will incorporate small group discussions or activities. Facilitators will be given an outline for the small groups and then be responsible for facilitating discussions or completing an activity as a group.

\* *Catechists/Session Leaders* are eligible for a 50% tuition discount.



# FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM

## 2017 - 2018

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 8300 Old Columbia Road  
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 Parish Office 410-792-0470  
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Religious Education 410-880-129 1285  
*religiouseducation@instrumentofpeace.org*  
 Youth Ministry 410-880-4800  
*youthminister@instrumentofpeace.org*

**CLASSES BEGIN FALL 2017**  
**FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND COMPLETED *see page 2***

***Families enrolling their children for Faith Formation must be registered members of St. Francis***

Family/Parent/Guardian Last Name:	
Child(ren) Last Name:	<b>THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED</b>
Address:	<i>Emergency Contact Name:</i>
City, State, Zip:	<i>Relationship to student:</i>
Home Phone #:	<i>Emergency Contact #:</i>
Father's name:	Preferred Cell Phone:
Mother's Name:	Preferred Email:

Any custody issues we need to be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_

### PROGRAM OPTIONS – SPACES ARE LIMITED IN EACH OPTION

**Elementary (limited to 12 per class)**

***Pre-K – Grade 5 (4 years of age by September 1 for Pre-K)***

***Option A*** – Monday 4:30 – 5:40 p.m. (weekly)

***Kindergarten – Grade 5 (no Pre-K)***

***Option B*** – Monday 6:00 – 7:10 p.m. (weekly)

**Middle (Grades 6 – 8) (limited to 15 per class)**

***Option C*** – Monday 6:00 – 7:10 p.m. (weekly)

***Option D*** – Sunday 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (2-3 times/month)

**High School (Grades 9 – 12)**

***Option E*** – Sunday 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (2-3 times/month)

**Family Home Program (Grades 1 – 8)**

***Option F*** – Families have the opportunity to learn at home together.

Classes filled as registrations are received and are not finalized until Catechist assignment is in place. Register early to secure your spot!

**Sessions begin  
 October 8 and 9, 2017**

	Child #1	Child #2	Child #3	Child #4
First Name				
Last Name				
<b>Class Option</b>				
<b>Grade 2017-18</b>				
Date of Birth				
Name of School				
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
	Baptized <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	Baptized <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	Baptized <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	Baptized <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Special Needs?				
Allergies?				

***\*Students wishing to prepare for Reconciliation/First Eucharist or Confirmation must be enrolled in a formal Catholic religious education program for at least one year prior to sacramental preparation. Sacramental preparation takes place outside of and in addition to regular religious education classes and requires separate registration. Parent meetings, including registration, will be held in the fall of 2017\****

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*The success of our program depends on the support and participation of each parent. All families are asked to contribute as a volunteer in some capacity. **\*Catechists are eligible for a 50% tuition discount.** Please indicate where you are able to volunteer. No experience necessary, just a desire to grow in faith!*

Volunteer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Office help  *circle one*      Traffic coordinator  *circle one*      Hall Monitor  *circle one*  
 (during week/Pre-K – Grade 5 Monday)      (Sunday or Monday Sessions)      (Sunday or Monday Sessions)

### **PRE-K (4 YEARS OF AGE), KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 5**

Volunteer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Catechist\* Grade \_\_\_\_ Class Option \_\_\_\_  
 Co-Catechist\* (*shares teaching responsibility*) Grade \_\_\_\_ Class Option \_\_\_\_  
 Catechist Assistant: Grade \_\_\_\_ Class Option \_\_\_\_  
 Substitute: Class Option \_\_\_\_

### **AYM MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 6 – 8**

Volunteer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Catechist\* Grade \_\_\_\_ Class Option \_\_\_\_  
 Co-Catechist\* (*shares teaching responsibility*) Grade \_\_\_\_ Class Option \_\_\_\_  
 Catechist Assistant: Grade \_\_\_\_ Class Option \_\_\_\_  
 Substitute/Consistent Adult Presence: Class Option \_\_\_\_

### **AYM HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 9 – 12**

Volunteer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Session Leader/Catechist\*  
 Confirmation Catechist\*  
 Small Group Facilitator  
 Consistent adult presence  
 Interested in Leadership Team (Youth or Adult) \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name)*

**Prior** to working with children and youth, volunteers are required to complete registration and training. Please contact your program director for details.

### **REGISTRATION DUE AUGUST 13, 2017**

***Please note:***

- Classes filled (with payment received) on 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis
- Tuition must be paid in full by August 13.

***For tuition assistance or a payment plan, please complete a Financial Aid Form, which can be found under the Religious Education tab, [www.instrumentofpeace.org](http://www.instrumentofpeace.org), and return with registration.***

**Please complete payment information below:**

**1 child \$150.00**

**2 children \$240.00**

**3 or more children \$320.00**

<b>Total Tuition</b>	
<b>Subtotal</b>	
<b>Subtotal</b>	
<b>*Less 50% Catechist Discount (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Grand Total Enclosed</b>	

There are times during the year when we may photograph students and post them on our website or in publications.

***Please initial if you DO NOT want your child's photograph printed.*** \_\_\_\_\_

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**SIGNATURE OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHECK # CASH</b>	<b>AMOUNT PAID \$</b>	Catechist <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
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