

Dear Faith Formation Families,

Each year at this time, when we celebrate Catechetical Sunday, we kickoff registration and scheduling of Faith Formation classes. The Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday under the theme of “I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.” However, our annual traditions for Faith Formation classes have a new face this year.



What’s more important, not just for this year but always, is the emphasis of the Domestic Church — the Family Church - where catechesis begins. The term “Domestic Church” refers to the family, the smallest body of gathered believers in Christ. The home is filled with rich opportunities in teaching discipleship and holiness, and the Domestic Church plays a key role because it is the primary place where we practice love for other persons.

As mentioned in the bulletin the last few weeks, we have been re-thinking and restructuring what our faith formation programs will look like for the upcoming year during these unprecedented times - constraints, Coronavirus concerns, and out of an abundance of caution for the safety and well-being of our families. In connecting with families, there is a real concern about returning to an in-person / classroom setting, which is completely understood. Just as schools are struggling with a new reality, we recognize the pressure that would be put on families, and safety and comfort are our main objectives.

That being said, we will be offering family catechesis so that families can gather together in their own homes. We hope to transition to in-person Faith Formation classes beginning in January, depending on the health situation.

Registration is required, not only to receive online resource information, but also in hopeful preparation of eventual in-person classes. To register your child for the various programs, use the attached form to complete the registration, or register on our website (Faith Formation). Completed paper forms may be submitted to the rectory, placed in the collection basket at Mass, or emailed. Use the attached address info if mailing or dropping off at the rectory.

Once your child is registered, a separate resource email will be sent with additional information. You are certainly welcome to use other online resources to enhance the family programs for the next few months. We will be providing resource information beginning in October.

Existing Confirmation students have been, and will continue to be, notified via email. New Confirmation students should contact [confirmation.blacsyr@gmail.com](mailto:confirmation.blacsyr@gmail.com) at their earliest convenience for additional information (submit a registration form).

Evangelize and pass the word along! And don't forget to check your spam to avoid missing important communications.

We appreciate your patience as we continue to move ahead with hopeful plans for the programs, and we thank you for being part of the programs at Blessed Sacrament. Know that you are all in prayer during this time. Stay safe and healthy!

Donna Hurn / Faith Formation / Blessed Sacrament Church / Syracuse, New York

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# Blessed Sacrament Student Registration Form

(please complete one form for each child)

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## Which program(s) are you signing up for? Faith Formation First Penance First Communion Confirmation

Faith Formation Programs 2020-2021

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address(es) →**

(to receive communications from Faith Formation Office):

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Baptism Date and Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Sacramental Information (First Penance, First Communion - if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name (including Maiden name): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Contact Information (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (name, phone and relationship to student): \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Address (if different from mother's) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information or Concerns (Please List all information that might help us in meeting the needs of your child: allergies, special needs, medications, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_