

*******PRIORITY REGISTRATION ASAP*******

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION -- ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL -- 2020-2021



The Children's Faith Formation program at St. Matthew's Cathedral exists to provide sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation as well as ongoing faith formation for children who have received these sacraments. It strives to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ in the context of the beliefs and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. The program presents the four fundamental themes of the Catechism of the Catholic Church – Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer – in such a way that we learn to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

When and where will classes be held during COVID-19?

Classes for grades 1 through 8 will be held weekly on Sunday mornings from 8:45 to 9:45am so families can watch the livestream of the Cathedral's 10am Mass on our [YouTube channel](#). We will start the year using an online platform. We will reassess the situation in December to determine the potential for returning to in-person classes at some point in the Spring. Classes take place under the direction of the Rector of the Cathedral delegated to the Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation. To allow for contactless distribution of the books, parents should order textbooks for each child's grade level to be shipped to their home. Please use this link to place your order: <https://store.loyolapress.com/search?keywords=Christ%20Our%20Life>.

For students in the second grade (second year of preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communication), please purchase:

2016 God's Gift Primary Reconciliation: Child's Book (English), which is available [here](#).

2016 God's Gift Primary Eucharist: Child's Book (English), which is available [here](#).

For students in the 8th grade (second year of preparation for Confirmation), please purchase the *Confirmed in the Spirit 2014: Young People's Book and Journal* (English), which is available [here](#).

When will we begin?

There is a parent-child-catechist orientation online meeting Sunday, September 27 from 8:45am to 9:45am. Once you have registered, we will email you a link to access the classes. During the orientation meeting, we will describe how the classes will be structured and what parents and students can expect during virtual learning. Please make sure to include an email that you check frequently and that we can use to communicate during the semester. This email should be a parental email and not a child's account, because we will send communications only to parents and not children via email.

How do I register my child(ren)?

*Complete the registration and permission form and attach your child's Baptism certificate (if new to the program) via email and pay via Faith Direct, Pay Pal, cash or check made payable to **St. Matthew's Cathedral Faith Formation Registration** for \$75.00 for one child; \$100.00 for more than one child per family. Financial assistance and/or a payment plan are available for those in need. Email registration materials or mail the check to the Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20036*

----- **CALL FOR CATECHISTS** -----

The success of our Children's Religious Education program is a result of the commitment of adult parishioners who generously give of their time and talent to help the children of our parish grow in their faith.

Typical Catechist Commitment:

- Initial meeting with Pastoral Associate of Faith Formation via video conference call*
- Periodic teacher meetings throughout the year*
- Planning (approximately 1 hour per week)*
- Teaching (60 minutes per week)*
- Archdiocesan Child Protection Policy compliance*
 - Volunteer application and criminal background check and fingerprinting*
 - Virtus "Protecting God's Children" seminar – currently online*

If you are interested in learning about teaching opportunities for the 2020-2021 year, please contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation at tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org.

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Please print legibly. Do not leave any sections blank.

FAMILY INFORMATION

Is your family registered at St. Matthew's Cathedral? _____ Y _____ N

If your family is not registered at St. Matthew's Cathedral, what is your parish? _____

Child(ren)'s Last Name: _____

Primary Street Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Mother's Full Name (*first & (maiden) & last*): _____
Ex. Mary (Jones) Smith

Mother's Address: [*if different from child(ren)*]: _____

Mother's Email: _____ Mother's Primary Phone: _____

Father's Full Name (*first & last*): _____
Ex. John Smith

Father's Address: [*if different from child(ren)*]: _____

Father's Email: _____ Father's Primary Phone: _____

Mother's Denomination/Religion: _____ Father's Denomination/Religion: _____

CHILD #1

New families must attach a copy of each child's Baptism certificate to this form.

First & Middle Name: _____ Sex: _____ M _____ F Grade (2020-2021): _____

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy): _____ Birthplace (city, state, country if not USA): _____

School name: _____

Please check the sacraments this child has received in the **Roman Catholic Church**:

Please include city, state, and country if not USA of parish.

____ Baptism Date: _____ Parish: _____

____ First Reconciliation Date: _____ Parish: _____

____ First Eucharist Date: _____ Parish: _____

____ Confirmation Date: _____ Parish: _____

Chronic Health Conditions: _____

ALL Current Medications: _____

Environmental & Food Allergies: _____

Behavioral & Educational Traits (ADD, dyslexic, gifted, etc.): _____

CHILD #2

New families must attach a copy of each child's Baptism certificate to this form.

First & Middle Name: _____ Sex: _____ M _____ F Grade (2020-2021): _____

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy): _____ Birthplace (city, state, country if not USA): _____

School name: _____

Please check the sacraments this child has received in the **Roman Catholic Church**:

Please include city, state, and country if not USA of parish.

____ Baptism Date: _____ Parish: _____

____ First Reconciliation Date: _____ Parish: _____

____ First Eucharist Date: _____ Parish: _____

____ Confirmation Date: _____ Parish: _____

CHILD #2 continued

Chronic Health Conditions: _____
ALL Current Medications: _____
Environmental & Food Allergies: _____
Behavioral & Educational Traits (ADD, dyslexic, gifted, etc.): _____

**Please attach additional form(s) for more than two children.*

HEALTH INSURANCE & MEDICAL TREATMENT INFORMATION

Full Name of Insured Parent: _____ ID #: _____
Health Insurance Provider: _____ Group ID #: _____
Policy #: _____

Emergency Medical Treatment Release

I hereby authorize any reasonable and necessary medical treatment, administration of anesthesia, and surgical treatment(s) of my minor child in the event of my absence, or when the hospital or physicians are *unable to contact me*. This authorization extends to any hospital, physicians, and nursing personnel on staff where treatment is rendered. I release from liability and waive all claims (with the exception of liability and claims resulting from gross negligence or willful misconduct) against St. Matthew's Cathedral, church staff, church volunteers, the hospital, physicians, and nursing personnel for performing reasonable and necessary medical procedures in accordance with the authority of this consent for medical treatment.

Parent Name (printed): _____
Parent Signature: _____

PICKUP AUTHORIZATION NECESSARY WHEN WE DO MEET IN PERSON

____ Please check to authorize only the parents listed on the first page of this registration form to pick up your child(ren).

Please list below any and all individuals (aside from parents) who are authorized to pick up your child(ren) from class.

Name: _____ Relationship to child(ren): _____
Name: _____ Relationship to child(ren): _____
Name: _____ Relationship to child(ren): _____
Name: _____ Relationship to child(ren): _____

AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH PHOTOGRAPHS & ARTWORK

I hereby grant permission to St. Matthew's Cathedral to publish pictures of me and/or my child(ren) [and any artwork created during the course of the Religious Education program] on the church's website or in the church's publicity information, newsletters, or bulletins. NO NAMES WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE. I understand that if I give notice to the webmaster that I object to any particular picture of me and/or my child(ren), it will be removed as soon as possible. I understand that neither I nor any child(ren) in question will be paid any royalty or other compensation for the publication of any pictures. I further state that I have the right to grant or refuse this permission as I am the child's parent or legal guardian.

Parent Name (printed): _____
Parent Signature: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY (Do not write in this section.)

Date received: _____ Payment method: _____ cash _____ check # _____ date _____ Amount paid: _____
Baptism certificate(s): Child #1: _____ Y _____ N Child #2: _____ Y _____ N

Submit with \$75.00 for one child; \$100.00 for more than one child per family (cash or check payable to St. Matthew's Cathedral) to:

*Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation
St. Matthew's Cathedral
1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW
Washington DC 20036*