



Dear Faith Formation Families,

We hope that you be joining us in our all new 2020-2021 Faith Formation program! First, thank you for your patience and support as we considered the religious education options for this year. With the health and safety of our entire Guardian Angels community as a priority, we have chosen to begin the year with hybrid programming.

All grades will have new curriculum which will be available to families both at home and on-site at Guardian Angels. Grades 1-8 will use the ***Faith and Life*** program, while grades 9 & 10 will prepare for Confirmation using the ***Chosen*** series.

This year, families will complete weekly lessons online, at home, then attend an in-person grade level session approximately once a month. Families will be supported by the Faith Formation team throughout the month, both on-line and in-person, allowing parents to experience the beauty & joy of our Catholic faith through the eyes of their children as they learn together.

Parents/guardians of children in grades 1-8 will not only have on-line access to the ***Faith and Life*** workbook for weekly lessons, but will also receive a Family Guide filled with activities that you choose to do as a family to further explore that week's lesson.

The monthly family sessions will be small group meetings in large spaces with proper social distancing. We will continue to look for creative ways to gather as a community, and hope to be able to offer additional in-person meetings as the year goes on.

Sacramental Preparation for the First Sacraments and Confirmation will be an essential part of the age appropriate family learning sessions. We will also have options for any families that are not comfortable attending the in-person sessions.

Our first 2020-21 Faith Formation meeting will be for PARENTS OF YOUTH IN **GRADES 1-8** ONLY. It will take place on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Guardian Angels Church at 6:15pm. You will have a chance to meet this year's Faith Formation team, receive the calendar and attend an initial training for the on-line program. **High School families** will hear about the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade program at their initial Confirmation Preparation meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> (details to follow).

Please feel free to contact us directly if you have any questions or concerns. We are in this together, with one goal, ensuring that this year's Faith Formation sessions can occur safely and effectively.

Sincerely,

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