



The Church of the Guardian Angels

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Dear Faith Formation Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 ENCOUNTER Faith Formation year! We are excited to share our plans for another faith filled year of religious education for youth and adults at the Church of the Guardian Angels.

This year our adult and youth programs will be focusing on **Sharing God's Love at Home**. We will build on your family's rituals and traditions at home and grow in faith together as we share all that the youth are learning in Faith Formation! There are many joyful adventures that we have planned to partner with you in accompanying our children as they journey closer to the heart of Jesus.

We'll kick off the year with a fun filled Back-to-Faith Formation event on Wednesday, September 21st at 5:30pm in the gym. The night will start with dinner and activities for the whole family followed by Father Tony's blessing and the youth's dismissal to their classrooms with their catechists. Parents remain in the gym for more information about the year ahead.

Since the school building will not be sold at the present time, ENCOUNTER Faith Formation will continue to meet there on Wednesday nights from 6:15pm until 7:45pm.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will once again be offered for children (ages 3-5 years old) on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. We anticipate starting the program in early October.

Please complete both sides of the attached forms and return to the parish office address listed above. We offer a \$10.00 per student discount on all Faith Formation registrations received by August 31, 2022. There will also be registration forms available at the information table in Church and at www.gachaska.org.

Sacramental preparation is available to any child enrolled in our program. All students preparing for the sacraments need to be registered in Faith Formation classes and their family must be registered members of Guardian Angels or St. Nicholas Church.

Preparation for the First Sacraments (First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion) is a two-year program that usually takes place during 1st and 2nd grade. Sacramental preparation for Confirmation is also a two-year program for youth typically entering 9th and 10th grades.

If your child(ren) are older, and need to prepare for First Sacraments or Confirmation, age-appropriate preparation classes are available. Additional fees are requested for all Sacrament Preparation classes and are NOT discounted.

If you are new to our program and need additional information, or if you have any questions about our ENCOUNTER Faith Formation program, please feel free to contact us at (952)227-4000. We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

In Christ,

Father Tony VanderLoop
Pastor

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Director of Faith Formation
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