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## **FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025 GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **REGISTRATION**

Each family must be a registered member of the Parish. Parish registration forms can be downloaded from the Parish website (www.stpiusxsy.com), picked up at the Rectory weekdays, or the Faith Formation office.

A Baptismal certificate must be on file in the Faith Formation Office for each child who was not baptized at St Pius X.

It is necessary to re-register for Faith Formation each year. Each family must fill out one Family Card (white), and a Blackboard form (purple) List **all** the children on the white card (even if they attend Catholic School). If there is more than one last name in the family, please make clear what the legal name of each child is. Be sure to include home and cell phone numbers, email addresses and indicate which the best way to reach you. Emergency contact information is only used if we cannot contact a parent first. Please print carefully, please provide a non-parent contact if possible.

### **Fees:**

**\$50.00 per child, \$70.00 for two children, for three or more children \$90.00 per family.** Payments may be deferred or made in installments, but please do not delay registration. Scholarships are available, call for more information.

**There will be an additional \$25.00 fee for Second Grade and Ninth Grade students due to the expenses of the Retreats.**

You may bring your completed registration materials to the Faith Formation Office or mail to the Faith Formation Office, 5 Barbara Street, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664.

### **KINDERGARTEN**

Will be held on Sundays beginning **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Class time is **9:00- 10:10 AM.**

### **GRADES 1-5**

For all children in grades 1-5 class time is **Sunday Morning from 9:00-10:10AM.** Regular classes for grades 1-5 will begin on **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** Classes will end at **10:10 A.M.** Parents should meet their children upstairs, in the Parish Hall. Families are encouraged to attend the 10:30AM Family Mass. If it is necessary to drop your child off early for class please accompany them into the building as there is not always someone there to attend to them.

### **GRADE 2 REMINDER:**

Children, who have completed the first year of sacramental preparation, are required to recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be to the Father, and Act of Contrition before First Reconciliation and Communion. Call or email the Faith Formation Office for an appointment.

### **DELAYED SACRAMENTS**

Many children beyond Grade 2 have not celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and/or First Communion. We do provide special classes for these children. Please contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

### **GRADES 6, 7, and 8:**

Classes begin **Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8, will bring home their books. Each week they should come to class prepared and with their books. The books should be treated carefully so they last throughout the year. Replacement fee is \$20.00

### **DISMISSAL:**

Parents, please pick up your child promptly at the end of their session. If a child must be dismissed early from class, they should bring a note for the teacher. **The parent is asked to come into the building and sign them out with the receptionist.** Children will not be allowed to wait outside while classes are in session. If you have a problem and expect to be late, please call so we can explain to your child and have them wait inside with one of us.

### **GRADE 9 (Confirmation Candidates)**

Sunday evening Mass/Class will include the 5:00 Mass and continue to 7:30 P.M. in the Faith Formation Center. Please note very carefully the schedule of those classes as there are only 13 classes, **no more than 2 absences will be allowed**. Mass is an integral part of the session. We hope that families would attend Mass and sit with their child in the section we have reserved. **The first class is Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**.

### **THE DRESS CODE.**

How students dress affects attitude and behavior. We have adopted a similar dress code for Faith Formation as the Dennis Yarmouth School System. Cleats, and slippers are not to be worn to Faith Formation. Any clothing or jewelry that is offensive, obscene or inappropriate, that includes short shorts, tank or tube tops, exposed midriiffs or pants that hang down and expose underwear, as well as "pajamas" may not be worn to Faith Formation. No one may wear hats or "hoodies" Clothing with reference to cigarettes, alcohol, or inappropriate language is not allowed

### **GENERAL NOTES:**

Mass is a large part of Christian formation. Our teaching is based on the expectation that each child attends Mass and is encouraged in participation and understanding by their family. As the mystery of the Mass unfolds the child's faith formation deepens. The children should be experiencing an ongoing, lifelong conversion, a deepening of faith.

Faith Formation is a limited process. We meet with each child for approximately 24 hours during a school year. Since it is such a short amount of time, each class is important and each child is expected to attend all classes. Students are deprived of learning great lessons about our faith when they are absent.

Regular attendance is expected. If you know in advance that your child will miss a class, please let us know and complete the lesson at home. In case of emergency or illness the child will be expected to complete the make-up work upon returning.

The parents of any student who has missed more than 3 classes and/or has not completed the work must meet with the Director of Faith Formation before the child's return to class.

### **SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:**

Please take special care in filling out the section under Special Considerations/Medical or Educational on the Family Card. While we do not have special need's teachers, we are willing to accommodate a child's special need. Our volunteers try to be sensitive to each child's needs. If your child has reading problems, we suggest you take time to go over the lessons at home. It would be helpful if we knew that a child is on medication, or an IEP, or any other special circumstance, so that we can plan accordingly. In some cases we can arrange for an extra person to be with your child. However, we do have a reasonable expectation for appropriate behavior. We would like to make each situation easier. Please call the office if you would like to discuss or explain anything that will make your child more comfortable while they are here and let us know if there are any changes throughout the year.

### **BEHAVIOR:**

Christian behavior is expected from everyone. All participants in St. Pius X Faith Formation have the responsibility to conduct themselves with respect for others. In the event that there is a problem and classroom rules are not followed we will ask parents to work with us to resolve the problem. If resolution is not possible and the student continues to be disruptive they will be sent home and we will schedule a conference with the student, parent and catechist to create a plan for success.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

For general announcements we use Blackboard Connect messaging system. On the "Blackboard Connect Form" (purple) List the emergency phone number(s) and email(s) where you wish to receive general information and emergency messages. Please write carefully.

### **VOLUNTEERS:**

Faith Formation is only possible with the support of more than 50 volunteers. If your child is part of the program, we hope that you could help in some way. We need teachers, aides, receptionists, office help, as well as help with special projects throughout the year. Please consider how you can help.

All persons working with children in the Fall River Diocese must complete a CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) annually. If you have questions or would like any other information please call, 508-394-0709, or email, [stpiusxreled@comcast.net](mailto:stpiusxreled@comcast.net).

### **FAITH-SHARING IN THE FAMILY**

As parents you have a sacred trust! You are the primary educators of your children. The Faith Formation that your child receives here at St. Pius will supplement what is taught and practiced at home. God calls you to nurture not only the physical and mental growth of your child but also your child's spiritual well-being. This responsibility requires that you grow in faith yourselves and that you share your faith with your family. Our children need to hear us speak about our faith. They need strong role models to show them in word and action how faith works in the lives of faith-filled adults.

The Church calls us to Mass on the Lord's Day to strengthen us through God's Word, the sacrament of the Eucharist and the support of the community of believers to follow Christ each and every day. Christ called us to community so that we may support one another on our faith journey. Attendance and participation at Mass is a principle teaching of the Church. Please support and assist your child in this commitment. Your presence there will not only support them, but, support you in your personal journey of faith, in your relationship with God, with one another and finally in your vocation as parents.

We try to model our lives on the life of Jesus. We love one another, care for the less fortunate, honor God, and love our families. Our children need to see us being people of compassion, forgiveness and justice. We need to be people of prayer, to encourage family prayer; grace before meals or bedtime blessings. On our life long journeys of faith we continue to grow by reading the Bible or other spiritual books, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) regularly.

Engage in God talk. Talk about your faith. Both you and your children will be richer for it.