



## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!!

I hope that this message finds you well and that the summertime has allowed you to rest and refresh. For all us life has been quite different since the start of the pandemic. We have navigated many adjustments as life mostly happened from home.

As summer is slowly moving into fall and schools and work are starting, we are also getting ready for the start of this year's Faith Formation. We will continue our at home faith formation program. A survey at the beginning of the summer pointed out that many families enjoyed the weekly family faith activities. This year, however, our Family Faith Friday's will return and (if all goes well with COVID) they will be in person. Mark your calendars for the first one on **OCTOBER 1, 6:00-8:00 PM @ St. Matthew's hall**. This first Family Faith Friday will be the kick-off this year's program.

To be ready for that event, you are asked to take the time to register. Below, you will find information on our Faith Formation program, on information & registration sessions, how to register for the Faith Formation program. Attached will also you find a brochure that explains all that the Faith Formation Center has to offer.

### ***Growing in Faith Together – bringing the GIFT of faith formation to your homes***

- ✠ Each participating family or house hold will receive the resources for a weekly faith conversation and activities. These resources are off-line resources. This is not an on-line program. Instead it encourages families and households to gather around and grow in faith together!
- ✠ You can decide when to make time for this faith activity.
- ✠ The program is meant for families with young children and children in grades Pre-K through 6. It offers different suggestions for various ages. Older children and youth can be leaders together with the adults.
- ✠ Families are encouraged to connect with other families or households. Families can form small groups and can plan to meet with one another (e.g. once a month) to work on faith activities together or to share how you all have grown in faith. A group of families can schedule time at the Faith Formation Center if that is convenient.
- ✠ Faith Formation leaders and/or parents leading or participating in such small groups will have to **complete VIRTUS training for child and youth protection. This training is required for anyone 18 years or older working or meeting with minors.**
- ✠ We continue to offer our middle school (grades 7 & 8) and high school youth ministry.
- ✠ We continue to offer preparation for the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. Information and registration for these programs will be available later this Fall.

### ***Information & Registration sessions***

You are invited to attend one of the following information sessions, if you would like to hear more about the program.

#### ***NECC Faith Formation – Information session ON ZOOM***

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 @ 7:30PM**

To receive the zoom-link email Dorris van Gaal at [dorris.vangaal@archbalt.org](mailto:dorris.vangaal@archbalt.org)

**NECC Faith Formation – Information session & Registration opportunity**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 @ the faith formation Center**

Info-session will start at 11:00am & at 1:00PM

In-person Registration opportunity between 12:00 – 1:00PM and between 2:00-3:00PM

the zoom-link email Dorris van Gaal at [dorris.vangaal@archbalt.org](mailto:dorris.vangaal@archbalt.org)

**Registration**

- You can register for the Faith Formation & Youth Ministry program by clicking this link: <https://form.jotform.com/212384188602153>
- This link will bring you to an electronic form. You will be asked to enter general family information and information regarding church of registration and sacraments received (it would be great for us if you know, but don't worry if you do not have all the dates at hand), and to check which bible you wish to receive (or both). Returning Families can check NONE for bible.
- Once you filled out the form the next step will ask you to confirm the items for your invoice:
  - Family Faith Formation Registration: \$75
    - *(with 1 Bible)*
  - Family Faith Formation Registration: \$60
    - *(without Bible – for High School Registration & returning families only)*
  - Extra Bible: \$25
    - *(If selected both for Children's and Breakthrough Bible)*
  - High School Registration: \$20
    - *(for each student – mark number in dropdown)*
- Once you submit the form, you will receive a confirmation email and an invoice for your own files. Please pay by check. Make check payable to "NECC faith formation" and put the invoice number on the subject line.

**Resources – You will receive the first package during the Family Faith Friday on October 1<sup>st</sup>**

- ✎ One Bible (unless you checked "both Bibles" or checked none, because you are a returning family)
- ✎ One resource bag. The bag contains activities sheets for each week, background information for parents and older youth in the family, and other materials that come in handy for the different activities. Materials will be replenished a couple of times during the year.

Please do not hesitate to email me or Rudy Dehaney ([Rudy.Dehaney@archbalt.org](mailto:Rudy.Dehaney@archbalt.org)) with any questions or concerns.

God bless,  
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*Nada te turbe, nada te espante, quien a Dios tiene nada le falta  
Teresa of Avila*