

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to you about the registration process for next year. We are in need of many tools to prepare the catechetical journey for the upcoming faith formation year. One of the most vital tools is the knowledge of the specific amount of learners that will be present by grade level and how many adults will share their gifts and talents in the formation process for the upcoming year.

**We are requesting that all families register for the upcoming Faith Formation year by Sept. 5th, 2019.** By having the bulk of the registration process finished by that date, we can accurately purchase curriculum and recruit the number of catechists needed in a timely manner.

Also, in collaboration with the Finance Commission we are making a slight change to the registration process for the upcoming Faith Formation year. **We are maintaining the same fee schedule. There will be no increases in fees this year. Pre-School-8<sup>th</sup> grade tuition is \$85.00 a child. There is a \$55.00 fee for children preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Eucharist. These sacraments typically take place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Our Confirmation journey is two years in length. It begins in Sept. of 9<sup>th</sup> grade and your child is confirmed in May of their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year. The fee for Confirmation is \$150.00 each year. The fee is more expensive because we must cover the cost of the retreats involved for the two year journey.**

We encourage all families to pay their faith formation tuition in full. Every year we have families who do not pay their tuition bill. Some have simply forgotten over the course of the year, and just need a gentle reminder. For other families, it is a true financial burden to pay all or part of their tuition bill. We offer scholarships, we just ask that you contact Teresa so that she can have a conversation with you concerning payment. This conversation is kept confidential.

So we are stating that families will not be "Considered Registered" for Faith Formation unless there is a \$50.00 payment (which is not an additional fee but deducted from the amount your family owes) accompanying your registration. **For the majority of Faith Formation families this policy will have no impact because they already pay their balance in full before the start of Faith Formation. Also, the families who ask to use the family plan will not be impacted because the majority would be making a \$50.00 payment in September. Who this will impact are the families who cannot pay their tuition but refuse to have a conversation in advance with Teresa. WE WILL NEVER TURN AWAY A CHILD OR FAMILY FROM FAITH FORMATION DUE TO HARDSHIP. In our current financial situation, we need to have a clear picture of what families intend to pay their tuition and those that need scholarship. Please realize that Faith Formation is left with a significant amount of unpaid tuition every year.**

**We will begin the registration process for Faith Formation in the upcoming weeks. Please contact Teresa Neuman's office at 651-621-1565 or by email at [tneuman@churchofstpatrik.com](mailto:tneuman@churchofstpatrik.com) if you have any questions or concerns.**

Sincerely in Christ,

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