August 25, 2025

Dear Families of PreK-Gr8 Faith Formation Youth,

I hope that you all are having a happy, healthy and holy Summer of 2025!

Our catechists and I are grateful to you for your support of the Youth Faith Formation Program during the 2025-26 academic year. We appreciate your cooperation in bringing your child(ren) to class and in your encouraging their faith development.

We look forward to the 2025-26 academic year. Attached is our program for the coming year. Our first PreK- Gr8 class will be Saturday, September 13, 2025 *and we will have an opening mass for parents and children at 9:00 am in the Basilica.*

1. We are in Year 2 of our Montessori Faith Formation learning program for youth ages 3, 4 and 5 years old! It is called Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. 3 of us are certified to present this in our dedicated learning space, called an atrium.
2. On Saturday, September 27 we will have a St Francis Feast Day family hike at MT Tom focusing on the spirituality of St Francis from 1-3 pm *instead of our morning session*. More details to follow.
3. We are planning 2 “Living Catholic” field trips for the older grades, details to follow.
4. We will continue having a monthly weekend mass together as families as the youth take leading roles in the mass.
5. We will also have our youth volunteer for a while at the Parish Bazaar – Sat, Oct 18, 2025.

Enclosed is the 2025-26 Registration form, along with the calendar. Kindly return the form and fee in the enclosed envelope to:

Faith Formation Office- Deacon David Southworth

Basilica of St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

40 Cyman Drive

Chicopee, MA 01013.

Your cooperation in returning it by September 9, 2025 will help us in our planning.

May God grant you every grace needed as you so faithfully fulfill your vocations as parents.

Deacon David Southworth

Director of Faith Formation