

August 13, 2024

Dear Families of PreK-Gr8 Faith Formation Youth,

I hope that you all are having a happy, healthy and holy Summer of 2024!

Our catechists and I are grateful to you for your support of the Youth Faith Formation Program during the 2023-24 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 2024-25 academic year. Attached is our program for the coming year. Our first PreK- Gr8 class will be Saturday, September 14, 2024 *and we will have **an opening mass** for parents and children at 9:00 am in the Basilica.*

- 1) We have added a 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 taking a 70 hour course to be certified to present this in our new dedicated learning space, called an atrium.
- 2) On Saturday, October 5 we will have a St Francis Feast Day **family hike at MT Tom** focusing on the spirituality of St Francis in the pm instead of our morning session. More details to follow.
- 3) We are trying to have more **active projects** for the youth to engage in including service projects and other Works of Mercy.
- 4) Starting in November we will also go to a **weekend mass together as families** as the youth take leading roles in the mass.

Enclosed is the 2024-25 Registration form. Kindly return the form and fee.

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Your cooperation in returning it by August 28, 2024 will help us in our planning and ordering of the needed supplies.

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

Deacon David Southworth  
Director of Faith Formation