

CANCELLATION OF CLASSES

- ◆ Cancellations because of weather will be scrolled on WMUR –TV. You should also check the parish website at www.stjosephcathedralnh.org
- ◆ If public schools are canceled or have early dismissal because of weather, faith formation sessions will also be canceled.

DISCIPLINE

We strive to maintain small classes where our catechists are able to give individual attention to each child. None of our *volunteer* catechists is expected to manage a class with a lot of disruptions from students. Any child who finds it difficult to be cooperative in class should ask to discuss matters with Mrs. Lang.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- ◆ In case of illness during class, parents will be called to come pick up their child.
- ◆ Emergency / fire drills will be conducted periodically during the year so that children will know where to go in case of an emergency. Parents will be notified to pick up their children in case of a building emergency.
- ◆ Parents should call the rectory office to update any change in address or phone numbers.

QUESTIONS?

Please call Colleen Lang at the Cathedral Rectory, 622-6404 or send email to clang@stjosephcathedralnh.org

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The parish offers classes, events, and scripture reflection for Adult Faith Formation along with many service and ministry opportunities. Please consult the weekly bulletin for current offerings or look under the *Parish Life* tab on the St. Joseph Cathedral website at www.stjosephcathedralnh.org.



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**Where open doors lead
to open hearts.**

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St. Joseph Cathedral Faith Formation

“Let the children come to me,
and do not prevent them; for
the kingdom of heaven
belongs to such as these.”

Matthew 19:14



Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children in the faith, prayer, and all the virtues. They have the duty to provide as far as possible for the physical and spiritual needs of their children.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2252

Welcome to St. Joseph Cathedral

Faith formation begins within the family, and our parish faith formation classes are a support for the foundation that is provided by the family in the home. Participation in the parish classes is only one piece of your child's faith formation.

Faith formation is a life long process that includes involvement in the life of the parish. Your active presence here at St. Joseph Cathedral strengthens and affirms the whole church community that we are all welcomed into through baptism.

What you can do:

We ask for your cooperation as parents and as the primary teachers of your children in the ways of the faith in:

- ◆ **Faithful participation in weekend Mass with your children.**
- ◆ **Attendance at parent sessions.**
- ◆ **Participation in the sacrament of Reconciliation with your children.**
- ◆ **Praying with your children at home and teaching them the basic prayers of our faith.**
- ◆ **Giving as much priority to faith formation as you give to other activities of your children.**
- ◆ **Cooperating in matters of discipline.**
- ◆ **Parent volunteering is welcome.**

REGISTRATION

- ◆ Your family must be registered in St. Joseph Cathedral Parish.
- ◆ You must complete a Faith Formation Registration Form before your child may begin sessions.
- ◆ Fees are \$40 for the first child, \$20 for each additional child with \$100 maximum per family payable at registration. There is a \$30 retreat fee for high school students.
- ◆ Scholarship funds are available if needed.

MEETING TIMES

- ◆ Grades 1-5 meet once a month at the Boys & Girls Club immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ Grades 6-8 meet once a month at the Cathedral Library.
- ◆ Parents of children in grades 1-8 meet at the Boys & Girls Club while the children meet for class on Sunday mornings. Formation materials are given to parents to complete with their children during the weeks between classes.
- ◆ High School classes meet before and after the 7:00 p.m. Mass with gatherings in in the Church Hall.
- ◆ The First Reconciliation/First Eucharist sessions meet during 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays And continue at the Boys & Girls Club until 11:00 a.m..



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Eucharist and Reconciliation:

Preparation for these sacraments usually occurs in second grade. The Sunday morning classes are centered around the 8:30 Mass. Sessions are held at the Boys & Girls Club, 555 Union St. and the Cathedral Library. from 9:30-11:00 am. The program requires parent sessions and two parent/child retreat mornings. Check the class calendar for specific dates.

Confirmation: Candidates for

Confirmation must participate in our high school classes which include service to the parish and community. Students complete a preparation course and retreat experience prior to reception of the sacrament. There are three parent sessions on the calendar. Teens may be confirmed in grade 10 or older in high school.

ATTENDANCE

1. Attendance is recorded at every session and maintained on your child's Permanent Record Card.
2. An inordinate number of absences may result in delay in a child's reception of a sacrament, or repetition of a grade level.
3. Please telephone the Cathedral rectory at 622-6404 to tell us if your child will be absent.