Saint Mary Faith Formation Program

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Dear Families,

We have completed our 2022-23 faith formation year and would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to their Faith.   Congratulations to our First Communion and Confirmation recipients!
We invite you to register your child(ren) for our fall classes and as a reminder, our classes are filled on a first come first serve basis. It is very important that you complete the enclosed form so that we have all of the necessary information. As you may know, our database system changed this past year and we want to ensure that the proper information is in our new system (especially family email addresses and phone numbers).

To register, we will also need a copy of your child(ren)'s baptismal certificates if they were not baptized here at Saint Mary Parish, Norton. Please let us know if your child has any special needs (learning, developmental, emotional, allergies, etc.) so that we can work together to make the best decisions for your child. We are blessed to have an adaptive curriculum to use with children who have disabilities and are unable to participate in a regular classroom setting. Please let us know if your child requires this program and we can work together to prepare your child for their Sacraments. If you know of any families in town who might be looking to register their first grader for faith formation classes, please tell them about our open registration and provide them with our email and phone number.

Sacramental Preparation years (typically grades 1 & 2 and 8 & 9) are offered only in-person, due to the nature and the requirements of the programs.

Some schedule changes to notice:
Grades 1-5 start times on Monday and Tuesdays are changed by 15 minutes (to allow for families to get children from school and get through the car pickup lines). At this time we are still offering Tuesday classes, but if enrollment is low for that day of the week, we may have to combine classes with another day of the week. Grade 6 and 7 will each have their own day to meet. Grade 8 will meet earlier in the day every other Sunday.

Grades 1-5	Sundays 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM- no changes
	Mondays 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM
	Tuesdays 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM
Grade 6	Monday 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (every other week)
Grade 7	Tuesday 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (every other week)
Grade 8	Sunday 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (every other week)
Grade 9	Continues to meet every other Sunday from 6-7:30 PM - no changes

**Please pay special attention to the calendar you will receive in August
for specific dates, times, and special events.**

**Also, Please note the $5 increase in registration this year is due to the rising costs of books and
materials.**

Registration and Retreat Fees

	Registration Fee	Early Bird Fee Before June 15th
1 child	$65	$60
2 children	$110	$105
3 + children	$145	$140

*After August 1st a late fee of $10 will be added to your bill. This will help defer the cost of additional
shipping fees for supplies.*

All volunteer teachers have their registration fees waived.

Additional Fees for Retreat

Grade 1	$10
Grade 2	$20
Grade 8	$30
Grade 9	$45 (includes robe rental fee for Confirmation)

All registration fees are due at the time of registration, but we understand if you need to delay the payment or
need assistance with the fees. Please DO NOT delay in registering due to financial concerns. Please call us
and let us know what we can do to help your family.

Please return the forms as soon as possible either by mail, placing them in the basket at Mass, or using the
black mailbox by the main door of the parish center.

We are looking for teachers and substitutes on all days and grades. Please contact us if you are interested in
volunteering at dre@stmarysnorton.com or by phone 508-285-3237.
Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. We are looking forward to seeing you all in the fall!

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