

## **Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's):**

### **Q. When are the Faith Formation Classes?**

**A. Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:45p.m. during the public school year at Xavier Hall.**

### **Q. How do I register for Faith Formation Classes?**

**A. You can download a form online. Bring or mail the completed form with payment to the Parish Office. You can also register at open registration after Mass two weeks in August. Look in the bulletin and listen for announcements at Mass for the date of open registration.**

### **Q. How come my child needs 2 consecutive years of Faith Formation in order to receive a Sacrament?**

**A. In order to make sure your child is Catechized to a level or understanding appropriate to receiving the Sacrament, it requires a two consecutive year process. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the letter from Bishop Frank J. Dewane concerning two year Catechesis.**

### **Q. How much do the classes cost?**

**A. We understand in the current financial climate, making ends meet can be difficult. In order to help, the fee for the Faith Formation programs have been lowered substantially to just \$25 per family. The cost of the Sacramental Prep classes (for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Holy Communion) is included in the fee. There is no charge for St. Francis Xavier School Students attending the Sacramental Prep classes only (for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Holy Communion). Scholarships are available to families in need. Please contact the DRE for information.**

### **Q. My child attends St. Francis Xavier School and I have given them a copy of my child's Baptism Certificate. Why do I need to supply you with a copy of their Baptism Certificate as well for the Sacramental Preparation Classes?**

**A. The records at the Religious Education Department of the parish and the School's records do not interconnect, so each needs a separate copy.**

### **Q. Am I able to volunteer in any way?**

**A. Of course! We would love to have your help! Please contact the DRE for more information.**

**Q. Why do I, as a parent of a child receiving a Sacrament, have to attend the monthly Sacramental Preparation Class?**

**A. As stated in the opening statement, it is in the family that the children are introduced to the practice of the faith and families are expected to remain involved in the religious education program. Also, all information related to the Sacrament (when, where, how, what is involved, etc) is covered in the classes.**

**Q. Why should I attend the weekly Adult Faith Formation Classes at the same time my child goes to Faith Formation?**

**A. This class is designed for the parents of the children in the Faith Formation Classes. Your child is only with us 1 ½ hours a week... you are their Catechist the other 166 ½ hours in the week. They should learn the most about their faith at their Domestic Church... your home. This class helps you understand your role in that position and gives you the tools to continue your families Catechesis at home! The class also covers the relation of your faith pertaining to your everyday experiences.**

**If you have any other questions, please contact Michael Reardon in the Religious Education Office at (239) 246-2635 or email to: [re@stfrancisfm.org](mailto:re@stfrancisfm.org)**