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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings from St. Simon Parish! Registration for children's faith formation and sacramental preparation process opens on May 5 and continues throughout the year.

A pre-printed registration form for each child who was registered last year is attached. Please fill in the sections of this form that are blank and review any of the pre-printed information for accuracy. This registration is also used as our Emergency Form, so please be sure to complete all information on both sides that is requested. Mail, scan-email & pay online or drop off completed forms along with your payment before **June 15** to St. Simon Children's Faith Formation, c/o Darcy Yaley, 1860 Grant Rd., Los Altos, CA 94024.

CHILDREN & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

PSFF (Pre-School Faith Formation) is a God-readiness program for children from three (3) years old, as of September 1, 2017, through Kindergarten. Sessions will start in September, 2017, and are held on Sunday mornings from 8:55 -10:05 a.m. in the Saint Simon Parish School. Contact Erika Ibarra, Coordinator of PSFF, at eibarra@stsimon.org or call (425) 891-3797.

CFF (Children's Faith Formation) is a faith formation program for children in grades 1-5 on Sundays from 10:10 – 11:10 a.m. Contact Sr. Mary-Han Nguyen, Director of Catechetical Ministries, at mhnguyen@stsimon.org or (650) 967- 8311 x32.

Source (MS YM) is a faith formation program for 6th, 7th and 8th grade youth. The program meets twice a month on Sundays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. after the 5:00 p.m. Mass; PLUS once a month family session at 5:00 p.m. that includes Mass, dinner, speaker, service opportunity and/or educational activity. Contact our Youth Minister at (650) 967- 8311 x31.

Summit (HS YM) is our high school youth program which meets every Sunday from 6:00-7:30 p.m. following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Additionally, we have once a month family session at 5:00 p.m. that includes Mass, dinner, speaker, service opportunity and/or educational activity. Contact our Youth Minister at (650) 967- 8311 x31.

SACRAMENTAL PROCESSES

First Eucharist – Preparation for First Eucharist is usually a two-year process beginning in 1st grade. Catholic children registered in Saint Simon School or CCM 2nd grade are considered candidates for First Eucharist.

Confirmation – Preparation for Confirmation is normally celebrated in 8th grade. Catholic students registered in Saint Simon School 8th grade or Source MS YM 8th graders are considered candidates for Confirmation.

Becoming Catholic or RCIA adapted for Children – Children over the age of 7 who are seeking Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist; or who are baptized in another Christian Church; or un-catechized and 3rd grade and older seeking the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist; must make special arrangements with Sr. Mary-Han.

RCIA adapted for Youth – Youth who are in 6rd grade and older seeking to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist must make special arrangements with the Director of Youth Ministry.

Registration is considered final when we have received the completed materials, registration fees, and the Parent Volunteer Form. Should the fee be difficult to pay, contact Sr. Mary-Han Nguyen at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to working with you and your family in September.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sr. Mary-Han Nguyen, OP

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Director of Catechetical Ministries

Fr. Warwick James

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Pastor

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

2017-2018

Children's Ministry programs rely on the support of dedicated adult volunteers.

It is our goal to have 100% parent participation.

Please check any volunteer position below that you are interested in:

Name _____ primary e-mail _____

Phone _____ secondary e-mail _____

Communications/Public Relations

Help promote our programs within the parish, the diocese and our community. Be our liason to the Los Altos Town Crier, the diocesan Valley Catholic newspaper and our parish bulletin.

Project/Event Coordinator

Are you a great party planner? Looking for a way to plug in to our parish? We can utilize and will appreciate your talent. Each of our programs offers social justice/service projects, retreats, community building events and appreciation parties which require an organized planner.

Administrative Volunteers

We have many administrative needs from copying to data entry to calligraphy. You can work from home or in the classroom.

Photography and/or Video Editing

Take photos/videos at special events such as retreats, service events, brunch/doughnut Sundays, Living Way, Christmas programs or in the classrooms. We also need help putting together promotional videos and creating video blogs for our website.

Catechist/Religious Education Teachers

Share your Catholic faith with children or youth. We offer classes at every age level from preschool through high school. Training, resources and experienced mentors are provided.

Youth Group Core Team & Sm. Group Leaders

Share your faith with children in an adventurous way. Our Jr. High and High School Youth Ministry are high energy, out of your seat programs. Your life journey can be an inspiration to a Catholic adolescent or teen. We guarantee that your faith will grow as a result!

Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders

Bring the stories of Scripture to life for first through fourth grade students by breaking open the Word with them at our 9:00am Sunday liturgy.

Classroom Aides

Assist the primary catechists and core team members with copies, classroom management and possibly teaching. Aids must be at least 16 years old.

Sewing/Art/Puppeteering/Anything Creative

If you are looking for a way to utilize your unique talent in our community I promise to find a place for you. Simply call the Children's Ministry office.

You do not need to be a parent in order to volunteer. If you know of a Catholic grandparent, godparent, aunt, uncle or neighbor willing to volunteer please send him or her our way. All positions which have direct contact with children require an application, interview, fingerprinting and training.

For questions please contact Sr. Mary-Han Nguyen, DCM
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