



**YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION  
2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR**

May 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Faith Formation is an important part of healthy growth for children. We encourage all parents and guardians who have children from Preschool through High School that are not attending a Catholic School to register with our parish Faith Formation programs for Sacramental Preparation and continuing Faith Formation.

We are called to evangelize when we were baptized. We encourage families, relatives, and friends to invite families who have school age children that not go to a Catholic school or a parish Faith Formation program to join our parish Preschool Faith Formation, Children's Faith Formation, Middle or High School Youth Ministry.

Registration for PSFF, CFF, MS YM, HS YM and Sacramental Preparation occurs May 11 through September 11. We ask you to support us by registering early so that we may prepare quality Faith Formation programs for your children.

A 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 Form is also our Emergency Form, so please be sure to complete all the information on both sides that is requested. Mail, scan-email or drop-off completed forms along with your payment to the St. Simon Parish Office, c/o Darcy Yaley, 1860 Grant Rd., Los Altos, CA 94024 or [dyaley@stsimon.org](mailto:dyaley@stsimon.org). Please feel free to register new students online or download a hard copy of the Registration Form(s) at <http://parish.stsimon.org/cff>.

For your convenience, enclosed are the CFF Calendars for the 2018-19 school year. We welcome new families, so thank you for helping to spread the word about our Faith Formation programs.

Registration is considered final when we have received the completed materials and registration fee. Should the fee be challenging 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,

Fr. Warwick James  
Pastor

Sr. Mary-Han Nguyen, OP  
Director CFF

T.B.D.  
Youth Minister

## **2018-2019 CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION DATES & TIMES:**

**Sunday Nursery Cooperation**, ages 8 months to 3 years old, caregiving session from 8:45-10:15am. *The service is provided compliments of St. Simon Parish for parents to participate in the 9:00am Mass.*

**Sunday Pre-School Faith Formation (PSFF)**, ages 3-5 years old, from 8:55-10:05am.

**Sunday Children's Faith Formation (CFF)**, grades 1-5, OR **RCIA for Children** aged 8-12 years for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Sacramental Preparation for grades 4-5, from 10:10-11:10am.

**Tuesday Children's Faith Formation (CFF)**, grades 1-5 OR **RCIA for Children** aged 8-12 years for Sacramental Preparation, grades 4-5 from 6:30-7:30pm.

### **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, 2018, through Kindergarten. Sessions will start in September 2018, and are held on Sunday mornings from 8:55 -10:05am in the Saint Simon Parish School. Questions? Contact Sr. Mary-Han Nguyen.

**CFF (Children's Faith Formation)** is a faith formation program for children in grades 1-5 on Sundays from 10:10 – 11:10am OR on Tuesday from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Contact Sr. Mary-Han Nguyen, Director of Children's Faith Formation, at [mhnguyen@stsimon.org](mailto:mhnguyen@stsimon.org) or (650) 967- 8311 x 32.

**Source (MS YM)** is a faith formation program for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth. The program meets twice a month on Sundays from 3:30 to 4:40pm before the 5:00pm Mass; PLUS once a month family session at 5:00pm that includes Mass, dinner, speaker, service opportunity and/or educational activity.

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

### **SACRAMENTAL PROCESSES**

**First Holy Communion** – Preparation for First Holy Communion is usually a two-year process beginning in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Catholic children registered in Saint Simon School or CFF 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are considered candidates for First Holy Communion. We may also prepare First Holy Communion for children who are older than 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, if they haven't previously celebrated the Sacrament.

**Confirmation** – Preparation for Confirmation is normally celebrated in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Catholic students registered in Saint Simon School 8<sup>th</sup> grade or Source MS YM 8<sup>th</sup> graders are considered candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**RCIA adapted for Children** – Children over the age of 7 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade who are seeking Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion; or who were baptized in another Christian Church; or un-catechized children seeking the Sacraments of Initiation should make special arrangements to meet with Sr. Mary-Han Nguyen, OP, Director of Children's Faith Formation.

**RCIA adapted for Youth** – Youth who are in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older seeking to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation should make special arrangements with our Youth Minister, T.B.D.