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Dear Faith Formation Families,

Whether or not your family was enrolled in the 2023-24 SMS/SGA Faith Formation Program, we invite you to register now for the upcoming 2024-2025 Faith Formation year. If your children missed a grade level, **\*they don't need to make up those lessons as Faith Formation is not an academic subject but is a life-long journey.**

**Please note: \*however, children entering a Sacramental year (Gr. 2 or 11) who did not participate in the 2023-24 FF Program will need to complete additional relevant material prior to/during our program year beginning in the fall 2024.**

Faith Formation sessions will be held ***in-person at both St. Madeleine Sophie and St. Gabriel's Church sites.*** If it's not possible for your child(ren) to attend these scheduled sessions, we also offer Independent Study at home for all grades ***except Gr. 2 and 11.*** Children in grades 1 and 3-6 complete workbooks and on-line Chapter Reviews which they submit electronically to the Faith Formation Office. Youth in grades 7-10 complete a packet at home that needs to be returned to the Faith Formation Office.

As always, we need Catechists to teach our parish youth. Please prayerfully consider serving as a Catechist or aide for the youth in our parishes' Faith Formation Program. You'll be engaging as an active participant in one of the essential responsibilities of the Church Community; you will be a role model to other families while showing your own that you value our Catholic faith. Participating in this way will bring you joy as you bring Christ to others. Resources will be provided to guide you, including Catechist materials that correspond to the grade level workbooks. We're always here to support you too!

Complete and return the **2024-25 Faith Formation Registration form and fee to the SMS Faith Formation Office** by mail, email, or in person. Fees can be paid in cash, by check, or online at <https://smsparish.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/FaithFormationRegistration>.

If you know other families who want to enroll in the SMS/SGA Faith Formation program, feel free to share this information or ask them to email us at [ffo@smsparish.org](mailto:ffo@smsparish.org). *If you want your name removed from the Faith Formation mailing list, contact us at your convenience.* Thanks!

Best wishes for a wonderful, relaxing summer! We look forward to seeing you in the fall.  
May God bless your families always.

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