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Dear Faith Formation Families,

Whether or not your family enrolled in the 2024-25 SMS/SGA Faith Formation Program, we invite you to register now for the upcoming 2025-2026 Faith Formation year. If your children haven't participated in one or more grade levels, we don't require them to make up those sessions as **Faith Formation is not an academic subject but is a life-long journey.**

***Please note:** *children entering a Sacramental year (Gr. 2 or 11) who did not participate in the 2024-25 FF Program year will need to complete additional relevant material prior to/during sessions beginning in the fall 2025.*

Faith Formation sessions will be held ***in-person at both St. Madeleine Sophie and St. Gabriel's Church locations.*** If it's not possible for your child(ren) to attend a scheduled session, we also offer Independent Study at home for all grades ***except Gr. 2 and 11.*** This option requires youth to complete the grade-level workbook/materials and Chapter Reviews which are then submitted on-line 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!

Please complete and return the **2025-26 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 would like 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. *Contact us at your convenience to have your name **removed** from the Faith Formation mailing list.* Thank you.

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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