

# ST. ANTHONY PARISH

## Catholic Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

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*The place where we assist your child's journey of faith!*

**We are happy to announce registration for the CFF 2024-25 school year!**

### REGISTRATION

We have a new online registration process! Registration is due by **August 31, 2024.**

### CFF CLASSES

**RETURNING STUDENTS:** Register for the CFF class indicated in your family registration packet. Promotion to the next CFF class level is determined by the student's successful completion of the 2023-24 CFF program year.

**NEW STUDENTS:** Please contact the Director of Religious Education for more information and to clarify which class to register for.

### TUITION FEE

One Student: **\$100.00**

One Student in Sacrament Preparation: **\$125.00** (*Reconciliation/Eucharist, Conf 1& 2, OCIA 1 & 2*)

**\* We are happy to assist you with a tuition payment plan; please contact the CFF & YM Office with what type of payment plan works best for your family. Do not delay your CFF registration due to fees.**

### TIME & TALENT

**Your family's assistance and participation are wanted and needed!**

In an effort to secure some much-needed assistance and to keep tuition costs down for the CFF program, each family is needed to share a bit of their Time & Talent. Approximately **2 hours per year** is requested of each registered family. Families will be asked for assistance via email or phone call. If you can fulfill the need at the time requested, please reply! Each family is asked to respond to at least one request (one per family) throughout the CFF year.

**Parish Festival:** *Help/prep for the annual Parish Festival counts towards one family's 2 hours of Time and Talent including: setup/breakdown; working a booth; festival preparations; day-of help; etc.*

**Assistance Needed:** *Prepping material for classes; prepping for sacrament events; making phone calls; various office tasks; etc.*

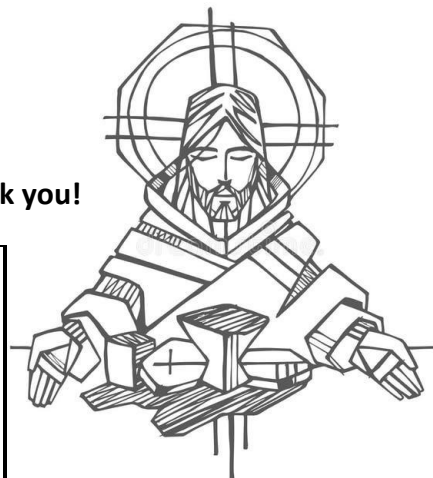
**WAIVER FEE** We very much understand the busyness of family life. If at this time you feel you are unable to donate time & talent, **please include an additional \$30 to your total tuition fee.** This enables the CFF program to keep minimal tuition fees and helps with expenses incurred by CFF activities when volunteers are not secured. **Thank you!**

**CFF begins on Sunday, September 22, 2024**

**+ CFF & YM Families attend Mass at 4:00 p.m.**

**+ Open House will be held in the courtyard following Mass.**

**+ Meet your catechist & pick up important class info.**



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING RECEPTION OF ALL SACRAMENTS AND PROMOTION TO THE NEXT CLASS LEVELS

For ALL Sacraments and to successfully complete each level:

**ATTENDANCE:** ABSENCES FOR THE YEAR MUST NOT EXCEED FOUR. With changing circumstances throughout the school year, we understand families are having to endure several things at once. We are entrusted with assisting in the faith formation of your children. To help us ensure the religious education of your children and in keeping consistent with our mission, an effort must be made to 1) have your child/ren attend weekly classes; and 2) have your child/ren arrive on time.

**More than four (4) absences and/or consistent tardiness may hold your child back from promotion or reception of a sacrament.**

**FAMILIES CELEBRATE WEEKLY MASS: \*Mass Times: Saturday 5:00pm; Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am**

The most important way to develop your child's Catholic identity is to celebrate weekly Mass and make Sundays special. Parents are the primary teachers and have the ultimate responsibility for passing on the faith to their children. Our faith is centered around one hour of praise and thanksgiving at Mass each week. Everything we talk about in the classroom setting has a direct reference to each Sunday's Mass. Children who miss Mass are missing out on an essential part of their lesson, and the lesson becomes abstract and obscure. **Therefore, please assure that your children are being prepared for sacraments and promotion by attending Mass each Sunday.**

Based on the above information, the Director of Religious Education, in consultation with the Pastor, will determine if your child is properly prepared to receive a sacrament or promote to the next class level.

### Baptism

- Parents of children seven years and younger can arrange baptisms by telephoning the Parish Office at 916-428-5678.
- Children eight years or older can arrange for baptismal preparation by telephoning the Catholic Faith Formation Office at 916-392-6362. Children eight years or older will receive the Sacrament of Baptism during the Easter Vigil Mass through the initiation rites. During this liturgy, the children will also receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist. Preparation for these sacraments takes a minimum of two years. The Director of Religious Education, in consultation with the Pastor, will determine whether the child is prepared to receive the sacraments.

### Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist

- Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist are generally celebrated in the third grade. In order to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist, children must be attending their third consecutive year of classes. They must have successfully completed Pre-Sacrament Years 1 & 2, and be currently enrolled and regularly attending the Eucharist/Reconciliation class.

**Confirmation (2-year program) - Students may begin this two-year program in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade if they have been continuously enrolled in a faith formation program. Confirmation preparation is a faith formation-youth ministry combined model.**

- Candidates must be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or above and must have been continuously attending a faith formation program.
- Students desiring Confirmation **who have not been continuously enrolled in a faith formation program**, must consult the Director of Religious Education to clarify which class to register for. This may include attending a year of Jr. High Youth Ministry, High School Youth Ministry, a Post-Sacrament class, OR the Basic Inquiry class, depending upon the age of the student and the number of lapsed CFF years, prior to entering the two-year Confirmation program.

### Out of Sequence

- Children between the levels of third and twelfth grade **who have been baptized** but who have had little, or no education of the Catholic Faith enroll in the "**Basic Catechesis**" class. The family may wish to schedule an appointment with the Director of Religious Education prior to enrollment to discuss the process.

**Order of Christian Initiation *formerly "RCIA" (Youth-Adapted)* - A serious family commitment.**

- Children between the ages of 8 and 17 **who have not been baptized** must enroll in the "initiation process"—OCIA. The family may wish to schedule an appointment with the Director of Religious Education prior to enrollment to discuss the initiation process. (Minimum 2-year process)
  - **OCIA Year 1 / Basic Inquiry:** the **first year** of the initiation process.
  - **OCIA Year 2 / Catechumenate:** for students who have celebrated the Rite of Acceptance.

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## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS 2024-2025

### PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

Ages 3- through Kindergarten level. Class will be held during the 10:30am Mass.

>Register for PreK-Kinder on Sundays 10:30-11:30am

### PRE-SACRAMENT YEAR I

First graders *and* Second graders who have had no previous religious instruction.

\* Please Note: Consistent class and Sunday Mass attendance is essential for promotion to the next class level!

>Register for PreSac Year I on Mondays 4:00-5:00pm

### PRE-SACRAMENT YEAR II

Second graders *and* third graders who successfully completed the Pre-Sac Year I program in 2024.

\* Please Note: Consistent class and Sunday Mass attendance is essential for promotion to the next class level!

>Register for PreSac Year 2 on Mondays 4:00-5:00pm

### FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST

Third *and* fourth graders who successfully completed the PreSac Year II program in 2024.

\*Please see "Requirements for Receiving Sacraments" page to understand preparation requirements.

>Register for Rec/Euch on Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm

### POST-SACRAMENT I

Fourth *and* Fifth Graders who celebrated Reconciliation & Eucharist in 2024.

>Register for PostSac I on Mondays 4:00-5:00pm

### POST-SACRAMENT II

Fifth *and* Sixth Graders who successfully completed Post-Sacrament I in 2024.

>Register for PostSac 2 on Mondays 5:30-6:30pm

### PRE-CONFIRMATION / 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Gr

6<sup>th</sup> *and* 7<sup>th</sup> Graders who successfully completed Post-Sacrament II in 2024.

>Register for PreConf on Mondays 5:30-6:30pm OR Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm

### CONFIRMATION YEAR 1 (2-year program)

Eligible candidates are students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or above who have been enrolled in consecutive years of a faith formation program.

>Register for Confirmation Year 1 on Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

### CONFIRMATION YEAR 2

Students who successfully completed Confirmation Year 1.

>Register for Confirmation Year 2 on Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

### JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders (no sacrament prep)

>Note: There is a separate registration form for Youth Ministry.

### HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> Graders (no sacrament prep)

>Note: There is a separate registration form for Youth Ministry.

### BASIC CATECHESIS

Children between the grade levels of third and twelfth grade **who were baptized** as infants and who have had **no religious instruction since**. Also, students who have not enrolled in religious education since their reception of First Eucharist. \*A parent attends weekly sessions with student.

>Register for Basic Catechesis on Sundays 9:30-10:30am

### OCIA: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (Adapted For Youth / Minimum 2-year process)

- **OCIA Year 1/Basic Inquiry** (New students!) >Register for OCIA YEAR I on Sundays 9:30-10:30am  
Children between the ages of 8 and 17 **who have not received any** of the sacraments of initiation, i.e., Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist. \*A parent attends weekly sessions with student.
- **OCIA Year 2/Catechumenate** (Next step in the OCIA process) >Register for OCIA YEAR 2 on Sundays  
Students who successfully completed the OCIA Year 1/Basic Inquiry class and celebrated the Rite of Acceptance in 2024.

**PLEASE READ** important information regarding Reception of Sacraments and Promotion to the next CFF Level in the CFF registration packet or online.

Students desiring CONFIRMATION **who have not been continuously enrolled in a faith formation program**, must consult with the Director of Religious Education to clarify which class to register for. This may include attending a year of Junior High or High School Youth Ministry, a Post Sacrament class or OCIA I/Basic Catechesis, depending upon the age of the student and number of lapsed CFF years prior to enrolling in the two-year Confirmation Program.

## PROGRAM POLICY DISCLOSURE/PARENT PERMISSION 2024-2025

**IMPORTANT:** Please read the following information regarding Diocesan, Parish, and CFF policies.

A digital signature is required during online registration acknowledging parent/guardian understanding of policies and procedures set forth by the Diocese of Sacramento, St. Anthony Parish and its CFF program.

### DIOCESAN POLICY FOR PARISH YOUTH ACTIVITIES

I understand that it is Diocesan policy that a parent/guardian must escort their child/ren to and from the CFF Center.

### CFF ATTENDANCE/SACRAMENT PREPARATION POLICY

- I understand that more than four (4) absences and/or consistent tardiness may hold my child back from promotion or reception of a sacrament.
- I understand families must communicate with the CFF & YM Office if their child(ren) will be absent from CFF class in advance or as soon as absence is known.
- I understand, for Sacrament Preparation (First Reconciliation, First Holy Eucharist, OCIA Yr 1 & 2), Diocesan policy requires at least two full years of sacrament preparation catechesis, AND the completion of ALL additional requirements set forth by the parish & diocese in order to receive sacraments.

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION & ATTENDANCE POLICY

- I understand candidates must be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or above and must have been continuously attending a faith formation program.
- I understand that students desiring Confirmation who have not been continuously enrolled in a faith formation program, will attend a year of Jr. High Youth Ministry, High School Youth Ministry, a Post-Sacrament class, OR the Basic Inquiry class, depending upon the age of the student and the number of lapsed CFF years, prior to entering the two-year Confirmation program.
- I understand that students with excessive absences (excused and unexcused) and failure to fulfill sacrament preparation requirements, upon the direction of the Pastor and Director of Religious Education, will be dropped from Confirmation preparation for this catechetical year. There will be no refund.
- I understand the Diocesan policy for Confirmation preparation requires at least two full years of sacrament preparation catechesis, AND the completion of ALL additional requirements set forth by the parish & diocese in order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### ILLNESS / COVID-19 POLICY

- I understand families must ensure their child(ren) are symptom-free, including fever/cold & flu symptoms, and are encouraged to perform a health check prior to attending CFF classes.
- I understand families must communicate with the CFF & YM Office if their child(ren) will be absent from CFF class in advance or as soon as absence is known regarding any illnesses or health conditions.
- I understand the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease, which is extremely contagious and spread through airborne transmission, direct & indirect person-to-person contact transmission, including contaminated surfaces and objects.
- I understand that the CFF program will follow all **diocesan, city, county, and state** directives, mandates, and measures regarding any health measures. I understand the CFF program will adjust to any changes in diocesan, city, county, and state regulations, as well as adjustments based on Pastor and Parish Staff direction in order to prioritize the health and safety of the parish community.

### PHOTO PUBLICATION/MEDIA PERMISSION

I DO/DO NOT grant permission for publication of my child(ren)'s photo on any Parish-only or Diocesan-only related media, such as the Parish website/Facebook/Instagram, and/or Parish bulletin. I understand in the event I object to any picture posted of my child(ren), and notify the parish office, the photo will be removed as soon as possible. Permittance is indicated during online registration.