



St. Anthony of Padua Children's Faith Formation Programs

2009-2010 School Year

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Children's Faith Formation is more than CCD.

We are committed to 'forming' young disciples through a curriculum that is engaging and experiential as it develops their religious literacy and helps them integrate their Catholic faith into real life applications. We are committed to helping our young disciples 'form' a life long relationship with God and their church community by providing calls to prayer and outreach opportunities that reflect catholic social teaching.



How to Register for CFF

Whether you are a family completing your re-registration form or a family new to CFF completing the 'new Families' form (downloaded from the CFF Home page at www.saintanthonyparish.org), **please remember to ...**

- **Print information clearly and complete ALL sections**
- **Yes, CFF has a Kindergarten Program!** Your child will love this introduction to our Catholic faith. It's filled with hands-on activities designed for 5-6 year olds. **And best of all the fee for this program is only \$60!**
- CFF will celebrate the church seasons with special prayer times called CFF Church Worship. During these prayer times children are invited to sit with their families. **If you wish to experience CFF Church Worship time with your child please choose the session time that allows you to be present.**
- Include the email most accessible to parents during daytime hours on the "Family Email" line. Cancellations due to inclement weather and CFF Updates and Reminders will be sent via this email address.
- Provide an emergency contact other than parents for back up
- Update any special needs your child might have regarding learning support and health concerns
- Consider volunteering. It is because we strive to have two adults per classroom that we are able to plan creative and child friendly ways to share our faith. Our volunteers make St. Anthony's Program one of the best in the area. Please note the openings that need to be filled on the CFF Volunteer Chart and remember that in recognition of their commitment fulltime volunteers over 18 yrs. receive full tuition credit for their families.
- **Class assignments are on a first come basis with priority given to our CFF Volunteers' families.** Register ASAP. Some sessions fill quickly. Carpoolers need to remind each other of the need to register early so that all participating families can be assigned to the same time.
- Assisting you with your child's religious education is our highest priority. Financial difficulties should not prevent your early registration. Simply alert the CFF Office to your financial circumstances.



**Read about Volunteer
Opportunities
and the CFF Program Overview
on the flip side**



CFF Program Overview for 2009-2010

Curriculum

K thru Grade 5: *Faith First Legacy* by RCL Benziger (www.faithfirst.com)

Confirmation: *Confirmation* by Ligouri

First Reconciliation and First Communion: RCL Benziger

Session Choices

Tuesdays 4:15-5:45 PM

Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 PM

Wednesdays 4:15-5:45 PM

All family members are assigned to the same session.

Special Features back by popular demand

Passport to the Holy Land

Kingdom Film Fest

Buddy Activities and Classroom crafts

Special Activity Days

Christmas 'Pageant'

Social Action Projects

Stations of the Cross

Reconciliation

Church Tour

Retreats for Grades 2 thru Confirmation

New Features being considered

Living Rosary the month of October

New Saints of the Month

Disciple Action Words for the Month

Communication flyers via email

CFF Theme for 2009-2010

We are disciples of Christ.

Passport to the Holy Land theme

Growing up in ancient Capernaum: What would it have been like to spend time with Peter, Andrew, James and John as boys

Volunteer Opportunities

Please consider being a part of this wonderful ministry.

Catechists

The catechist is the 'classroom teacher'. He or she is responsible for developing weekly lesson plans which are based on Archdiocesan guidelines and supported by excellent Faith First manuals and program resources. The program director handles all the ground-work by calendaring the session with a particular chapter and highlighting the key themes which are then presented to each catechist in an easy to follow binder. 'How to' meetings, workshops and courses are also available. Catechists are supported by the presence of an assistant and can expect a class size of approximately 15 children.

Assistants

The assistant supports the catechist in the class room by completing administrative duties like attendance and homework as well as actively participating in group discussion, activities or projects. An active and involved assistant is invaluable to the catechist and the children.

Office Assistants

Office assistants handle attendance, office paperwork, closing announcements and dismissal. Office assistants free the program director to interact with the children during liturgical experiences and special activities.

Teen Aides

(Grade 7 and older)

Teen aides are a wonderful addition to the CFF Program. Not only do they often assume assistant roles but they model faith in action for the younger children. They also provide invaluable one-on-one help.



Your financial support enables us...

to purchase textbooks, manuals, take home folders, CFF bags, Bibles, catechisms, classroom supplies (like pencils, crayons, markers, construction paper, glue and so on), CDs and DVDs, catechist resources, bulletin board visuals, prayer table items, special day 'extras'...to support a working CFF Office with computers, data software, copier, printers, phone system, copy paper and general office supplies...to help cover building maintenance, electric, heat...to print handbooks, mail communications, purchase classroom shelves and bins... and to provide formation training for our catechists via seminars, forums and workshops.

Thank you!