



FAITH AND YOUTH FORMATION

Faith unifies the past, present, and future and allows us to become one with God and one with each other. It is more of a journey than an end point and it gives meaning to a quest for an authentic life of love. Faith Formation is a process of equipping each other for the faith journey.

If you are interested in either participating or sharing your gifts of time and talent in any of the programs described below. There are many ways to be involved so please, feel free to contact Jennie Caldwell at Holy Innocence Parish office. At Jennie@holynn.org or call me at 425-788-1400.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult faith formation provides opportunities by which people consciously grow in the life of Christ through experience, reflection, prayer, and study. Supporting adults to grow in a better understanding of and participation in the full sacramental life of the Church. Throughout the year we offer a number of day workshops, retreats and resources for self reflection and prayer as well as a weekly “Considering Our Catholic Faith”, series that will give adults an opportunity to grow in their understanding and appreciation of what makes us “Catholic”. People are always welcome to step forward to organize or coordinate an adult education effort here at the parish. Please contact us so that we may support your effort.

LITTLEST DISCIPLES

Our early childhood program has a format that engages children in a fun and “hands on” creative way! Children explore bible stories during the year in an atmosphere of fellowship, creativity, and fun. with games, art, drama, music, prayer and puppets. The program is designed for children 3 years of age through 1st grade.

GOING DEEPER

Building foundations in faith for children 2nd thru 5th grade. We gather every other Sunday from 9:15 until 10:15am. In a Multi—Age level Multi Learning style setting that gathers twice a month. Children explore our Catholic faith, traditions and scriptures...in an atmosphere of fellowship, creativity, prayer and fun!

EXPLORERS 68 (JR. HIGH MINISTRY) 6-8 GRADERS

Our Junior high group will meet a couple times a month this year on Sunday afternoons. This group offers an opportunity for young people to begin exploring their faith in an active and fun way. There will be time for socializing, games, activities and exploration of issues facing Jr. High youth. Adults are invited to participate in helping to mentor the young people in growing in their faith.

H I WAY (Sr. High Ministry) 9—12 graders

Our senior high students here at Holy Innocents are engaged in the community in all the ministries here at Holy Innocents and interact with the adults who are also engaged in ministry. If, however you have a talent or skill that you might be willing to mentor our young people in, please let us know so that we can support you in offering this to our young people here.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A summer kids’ event called High Seas Expedition will be hosted here at the parish from July 13 to July 16, from 10am until 1pm each day. Kids jump into week of fun where they participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy treats, experience electrifying Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God’s Word, and create Bible Point crafts they’ll take home and play with all summer long. Camp this year is being offered for children 1st to 5th grade this fall.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

INFANT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Baptism preparation is held a couple times a year or as needed. Catechists are needed to help teach the classes which are scheduled between the masses a couple Sunday's in a row. Volunteers are also needed to provide hospitality and assistance to the families on the day of their child's baptism. Contact Person: Debby@holynn.org or 788-1400

FIRST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST PREPARATION

Sacramental Preparation for First Penance and First Eucharist is available for children and their families. All children of our parish, at least 7 years of age, who have been baptized Roman Catholics as infants and nurtured in their faith as young people, continue their journey by preparing for and celebrating the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist. The process is designed to be experiential, fun and reflective. Preparation sessions are once a month and gather on Sunday afternoons from 4:30 to 6pm. The program includes a variety of activities, prayer, Scripture, texts, videos and discussions that encourage and nurture children and parents' understanding and experience of these Sacraments. Children must prepare for the Sacrament of Penance before they can prepare for the Sacrament of Eucharist. This program begins in September. There are a number of ways to be involved in this wonderful process; Small group leaders, hospitality, assist with lesson planning, tech help (tvs, dvd players, cd players, PowerPoint's) and set up/take down. It is more fun than it sounds so join the team and give a couple of hours a month to our children and their families as they take the next step on their faith journey. For more information or to join the team, contact Jennie Caldwell. jennie@holynn.org

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Currently when a couple comes to the Church to be married, we send them to local Catholic counselors or Engaged Encounter for marriage preparation in addition to meeting with a marriage planner or coordinator and a meeting with Father. We are considering whether we can offer marriage preparation here in the parish. If you are interested in helping to prepare couples for marriage, contact the office (425)788-1400

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Preparation is a process for completing a young person's initiation sacraments. The process is designed for youth who are at least 16 years old. The process begins each January and meets monthly for one year. Volunteers are needed as Catechists, small group leaders, and administrative support. The classes are usually held Sunday afternoon or evenings depending on the parish schedule. Contact Jennie@holynn.org or 788-1400 to help with this team.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who are practicing Catholics but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation or encouraged to be confirmed in order to be fully initiated members of the Church. In the fall we offer a program for Adults so they can join the teens when the Bishop comes to the parish for Confirmation. If you are interested in being one of the leaders of the program or in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, call the office, 425-788-1400.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Members of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) team help adults who are considering becoming members of the Catholic Church through Baptism or Profession of Faith (for those already baptized in another Christian tradition). They provide encouragement, instruction, and discernment for inquirers. We need volunteers for leading sessions, planning retreats, dismissal during Mass, organization and hospitality. Call the office if you are interested.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults adapted for children is an ongoing process for completing a child's initiation or becoming Catholic. Through reflection on the Scriptures, exploring our beliefs, traditions and practices, preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation and Reconciliation, and the celebration of several Rites throughout the year, children become full members of our faith community and the Roman Catholic Church. Children must be 7 years of age or older to participate in this process. Members of this team will be involved in ongoing faith sharing, hospitality and welcoming, inviting the children and their families to parish functions, catechesis, small group work, dismissal for reflection on the Gospel, sponsors and helpers for liturgical rites and days of reflection. Contact Jennie Caldwell.