



St. Joan of Arc Church

Office of Faith Formation

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Dear Parents,

The parish community of Saint Joan of Arc invites all families to consider full initiation into the Catholic Church. Parents with elementary school children may be especially interested in celebrating the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. Parents have the primary responsibility in determining how a child develops in their own faith journey. Our Catholic school is an integral part of the parish and provides an ideal structure to assist parents in forming their children in our Catholic tradition.

The Office of Faith Formation at Saint Joan of Arc provides the process by which persons of all ages prepare to celebrate the sacraments of initiation. Parents who wish to celebrate the sacraments with their children may begin by registering as members of our parish and regularly attending weekend Mass. For school children who not baptized, we can begin to meet with you at any time to prepare your family for this first sacrament.

Children who are baptized, over the age of seven, and have attended Mass for at least one year on weekends with their parents at Saint Joan of Arc, may begin formation for Eucharist. The process traditionally starts in the fall but may begin at any time during the year. It is ungraded; family based and requires substantial participation by the parents. If you are considering joining the Catholic Church or if you desire to complete your Catholic initiation, the adult process is ongoing and should be accomplished before the celebration of sacraments for your children.

Please contact me directly with any questions and concerns. We look forward to welcoming you and your children to our parish community as full and active members.

Yours in Christ

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