

## Immaculate Conception 2017/2018 Faith Formation Programs

### **Family Based Religious Education (FAMBRE):**

FAMBRE is the primary catechetical program for families with children grades K – 6. The FAMBRE program has **two components: home-study AND monthly gatherings**. The home-study component is done utilizing materials from Ignatius Press. Families can choose to work from the *Faith & Life* textbook OR online with the *My Catholic Faith Delivered* program. Some families choose to do both.

- Families who choose to utilize the *Faith & Life* textbook will be required to complete written assignments, and submit them monthly to the parish Catechetical Leader.
- Families who choose to utilize the online *My Catholic Faith Delivered* program complete all assignments online. Families are given a personal login name and password, and complete assignments accordingly. Each unit consists of a pre-test, a lesson, and a unit test. All results are automatically sent to the parish Catechetical Leader. This option has a lot of interactive games and activities to help enhance learning and comprehension of content

The second component to the FAMBRE program is the monthly gathering. Families come together once a month for a potluck meal and activities that are designed to be fun, engaging and to complement and enrich the curriculum being covered at home. It is important to note that **BOTH** the home-study and monthly gatherings are required for full participation in the FAMBRE program.

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word:**

Children in grades K – 5 will be dismissed from 10:30 Mass each Sunday for their own Liturgy of the Word, where they can hear the Scriptures proclaimed in a way that is meaningful to them. Children then rejoin the Mass following the homily. No registration is required.

### **Youth Ministry:**

Youth Ministry is the primary catechetical program for teens in grades 6 – 12. The parish youth group meets weekly for a time of fellowship, catechesis, and prayer. Weekly sessions are 90 minutes, and utilize resources in conformity with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops *Framework for Adolescent Catechesis*.

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### **First Penance/First Eucharist Preparation:**

These Sacramental preparation programs involve a parent meeting, home-study, 3 group preparation sessions, an interview, and a mini-retreat. The following are the requirements for receiving the Sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist:

- Child must be Baptized (a copy of the Baptismal certificate must be on-file with Immaculate Conception if child was NOT Baptized at Immaculate Conception)
- Child must be at least 7 years old by June 30, 2018
- Child must regularly attend Mass
- Child must demonstrate an age-appropriate desire to receive the Sacrament
- Child must fully participate in and complete the preparation for the Sacrament
- Child must regularly participate in one year of parish-based faith formation prior to beginning preparation for the Sacrament **OR** be enrolled in a Catholic school for that same time period.

**Additionally:** All students who wish to receive First Eucharist, must **FIRST** prepare for First Penance. First Penance preparation will be offered in the fall and First Eucharist preparation will be offered in the spring. **You may do both Sacraments in the same year.**

### **Confirmation Preparation:**

Confirmation preparation involves a parent meeting, 34 preparation sessions\* over a two-year period, a day retreat each year, service projects, and a Sacramental interview.

- Student must be Baptized (a copy of the Baptismal certificate must be on-file with Immaculate Conception if student was NOT Baptized at Immaculate Conception)
- Student must have received First Penance\*\* and First Eucharist
- Student must be in grade 8 or above in order to begin preparation
- Student must regularly attend Mass
- Student must demonstrate a desire for Confirmation
- Student must fully participate in and complete the two-year preparation for Confirmation.
- Preparation Sessions will occur within our youth groups (these are no longer required to be separately scheduled sessions) and specific topics will be covered during specific dates. Candidates **MUST** attend each scheduled topic session.
- If students must miss a scheduled topic they should contact Rich to discuss how to “make up” the session.
- Student must regularly participate in parish-based faith formation programs throughout the process **OR** must currently attend a Roman Catholic school

### **Confirmation Sponsors:**

- Must be at least 16 years old
- Must be a fully initiated Catholic (has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist)
- Must actively practice his/her Catholic faith
- Must have no Canonical Impediments to serving as a sponsor
- Must **NOT** be the parent of the candidate
- If sponsor is **NOT** a registered parishioner of Immaculate Conception, sponsor must provide a Certificate of Eligibility from his/her parish

\* There are slightly different requirements for Catholic school students

\*\*If the student has **NOT** received their First Penance, arrangements can be made to prepare for First Penance concurrently with Confirmation preparation.