HELLO ST. JOAN OF ARC FAMILIES!

I hope this letter finds you well, and having a great summer! With kids already out of school, I know it’s hard to think about, but it is that time of year again—time to register for next year’s Faith Formation programs!

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION/FAMILY FAITH:** We are so pleased to continue offering Family Faith, our two year, family-based, sacramental preparation program. Here at St. Joan of Arc, we passionately believe that parents are the first and best teachers of faith for their children, and that God’s love is experienced most profoundly in the family. As we pray together, read Scripture together, learn together and have fun together, your family will grow closer to God, and make faith part of your everyday life. Each year has a new theme and new topics to learn, so yes—your family can attend year after year and continue learning new things! Any 1st-5th grader who wants to receive First Communion participates in Family Faith with his or her parents, and during the second year of Family Faith gets to celebrate the beautiful sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. And if you have a 3rd-5th grader who has already received First Communion, with a younger child attending Family Faith, we will be offering ROCK sessions just for them during Family Faith sessions. See our Faith Formation tri-fold brochure for more details.

**GRADES 3-12:** As for our other programs—ROCK (grades 3-5), BLAST (grade 6), EDGE (grades 7-8) and LIGHT (grades 9-12) are all still the same! We hope you will consider volunteering in your child’s program, so you can grow together in faith at the same time! And please don’t think, “but I don’t know how to teach . . .” Truly, our volunteers are not teachers—they are facilitators, simply listening to kids and engaging them in faith conversations. And we provide excellent training so you will feel confident sharing faith with young people. You can volunteer for our weekly programs on the registration page.

So what’s next? **GET REGISTERED!** Register all your children on the same form, the registration form included in this packet, and don’t hesitate to call us if you have any questions! Registration forms are due by August 30; if you register before then, you get a $25 discount! *(A note on Family Faith, and mini-ROCK that meets on Sundays during Family Faith: spaces are limited in these programs, so register ASAP to guarantee your spot!)*

We look forward to journeying in faith together with you and your children next year. Blessings to you and your family on behalf of our entire Faith Formation team!

Mary Machi
Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization
What program should you register for . . .

Has your child received his or her First Communion?

**NO**

**NO, BUT MY CHILD IS IN KINDERGARTEN OR YOUNGER:**
Then register for **LITTLE SAINTS**!
Little Saints is for pre-schoolers and meets during the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday masses.

**NO, AND MY CHILD IS IN 1ST-4TH GRADE**
Then register for **FAMILY FAITH**!
Because we believe that no one is better than parents at sharing God's love with their children, our two year sacrament preparation program is family-based. At minimum the child preparing to receive First Communion and at least one parent attend, but the entire family is welcome as we all grow in faith together! (So yes, younger children even babies are welcome, and older children too!) Family Faith meets about twelve times during the year, on Sundays or Thursdays.

**NO (but I want them to), AND MY CHILD IS 5TH GRADE OR OLDER**
Then register for **CIC (Christian Initiation for Children)**!
Please contact the Faith Formation Office for more info. about CIC!

**YES**

**THEN REGISTER FOR ONE OF OUR GREAT PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS!**

**ROCK**
ROCK is for 3rd-5th graders (who have already received their First Communion). ROCK meets on Monday evenings 6-7:15 p.m. We also have MINI-ROCK that meets on Sundays at the same time as Family Faith—if younger siblings are participating in Family Faith, mini-ROCK can be a good choice!

**BLAST**
BLAST is a great youth ministry program just for 6th graders! BLAST meets Wednesday evenings 7-8:30 p.m.

**EDGE**
EDGE is youth ministry for our 7th-8th graders, and meets Wednesday evenings 7-8:30 p.m.

**LIGHT**
LIGHT is youth ministry for our 9th-12th graders, and meets Monday evenings 7-8:30 p.m. (We also have DONUTS for our teens who cannot make Monday nights, though space is limited) Participating in 1-2 years of LIGHT is a pre-requisite for Confirmation.

Can children/teens who aren’t baptized or haven’t received their First Communion participate in our programs?

**ABSOLUTELY! ALL ARE WELCOME!**
And if at any point they decide they would like to be baptized or receive their First Communion, just let us know!

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE:** 925-830-4710  cff@sjasr.org

**YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE** 925-830-4720  youthministry@sjasr.org
**ST JOAN OF ARC 2019-2020 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM**

Children’s Faith Formation Office (925) 830-4710
Youth Ministry Office (925) 830-4720

**FAMILY NAME:** ____________________________

Street Address: ___________________________________________  
City: ___________________  Zip Code: ____________

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION (Please print)**

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**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Please complete the following information for each child that you are enrolling in a faith formation program (3 ½ years old to senior in high school)

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Child(ren) resides primarily with  □ Mother  □ Father  □ Both Mother and Father  □ Guardian  □ Other ________________

Please note any special family concerns or custody issues: ____________________________
Please place an “x” in the proper column for each child you are enrolling and for the parent/guardian if volunteering to be a weekly leader.

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**PROGRAM FEE SCHEDULE:**

- **Program registration fees:** $200 for 1st child
  - $125 for each subsequent child registered
  
  $200 X 1 = 200
  
  $125 X ____ = ___

- **Sacrament Fees:** (for 1st Communion and Confirmation Candidates) - $100 per child, per sacrament
  
  $100 X ____ = ____

- **Subtotal**
  
  ______________________

- **Discount:**
  
  Parent/guardian agrees to volunteer as a weekly facilitator / leader for the program year
  
  $100 X ____ = ___

- **Name(s) of Parent/Guardian volunteer(s):______________________________**

- **Early registration discount for registrations and payment in full received by August 30th**
  
  $25 = ___

**TOTAL REGISTRATIONS FEES DUE:**

Please make checks payable to St Joan of Arc or pay via credit card on the website [www.sjasr.org](http://www.sjasr.org), click on Online Giving under the Quick Links list located on the bottom right of the page) or come to the office in person.

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TOTAL DUE

Financial aid and payment plans are available to families. Please contact Gina McCormick at 925-830-4720 or email her at gmccormick@sjasr.org to discuss options.
2019/2020 Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
St. Joan of Arc Parish, Diocese of Oakland
PARENTAL PERMISSION, HEALTH AUTHORIZATION, RELEASE FORM
There must be a copy of this form at ALL Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Activities

1st Child's Full Name: _______________________________________
DOB: _____________________________
Cell Phone (if child has): ____________________________
Sex (Circle One):   M   F  
Grade (Fall 2019): _____  School (Fall 2019): ______________________
Allergies/Drug Allergies: ______________________________________
Routine Medications: ______________________________________
List any medical conditions or disabilities we should be aware of: ______________________________________
Date of child's last physical examination: ______________________

2nd Child's Full Name: _______________________________________
DOB: _____________________________
Cell Phone (if child has): ____________________________
Sex (Circle One):   M   F  
Grade (Fall 2019): _____  School (Fall 2019): ______________________
Allergies/Drug Allergies: ______________________________________
Routine Medications: ______________________________________
List any medical conditions or disabilities we should be aware of: ______________________________________
Date of child's last physical examination: ______________________

3rd Child's Full Name: _______________________________________
DOB: _____________________________
Cell Phone (if child has): ____________________________
Sex (Circle One):   M   F  
Grade (Fall 2019): _____  School (Fall 2019): ______________________
Allergies/Drug Allergies: ______________________________________
Routine Medications: ______________________________________
List any medical conditions or disabilities we should be aware of: ______________________________________
Date of child's last physical examination: ______________________

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO.  In an emergency, we will always attempt to contact the parents first.
Please provide a name of an Emergency contact other than parents in case the parents cannot be reached.
NAME: _________________________  Cellphone: _________________________  Relationship: ____________

HEALTH AND MEDICAL INFORMATION
Family Physician: ______________________________________   Phone: _________________________
Address: ______________________________________
Print Name of Policy Holder: ______________________________________
Insurance Company: ______________________________________
Employer/Group Number: _________________________  Policy/Plan number: _________________________
Do you authorize the adult leader to authorize medical treatment for your child in an emergency, as considered necessary
by the attending physician?  ☐Yes    ☐No
State any reasons why you do not want medical care given to your child in an emergency: _________________________

(Complete AND SIGN Back of Form/Page Two)
Parental Permission and Acknowledgment of Conditions for Participation in Program

1. I/we, parent or authorized guardian of the child(ren) named above give permission for his/her/their participation in 2019/2020 Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs and all related activities, including but not limited to transportation to and from the youth ministry activities.

2. I/we agree to direct my/our child to cooperate and comply with reasonable directions and instructions from Faith Formation and Youth Ministry staff or adult volunteer leaders.

3. I/we agree to be responsible for all medical expenses relating to injury of my/our child(ren) as a result of his/her/their participation in any faith formation or youth ministry activity, whether or not caused by the negligence of the parish, faith formation or youth ministry program employees, agents or volunteers or other participants.

4. I/we understand that children participating in faith formation or youth ministry activities risk injury to the body, psyche or property damage to themselves or others. Such injuries can be caused by other persons or accidentally or intentionally self inflicted, faulty equipment or facilities, conditions of recreational facilities, vehicle accidents while in transport or through the activity itself.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration for being permitted to participate in the activities of the faith formation and youth ministry program, use the equipment provided and to enter the premises or facilities of the Diocese of Oakland for any purpose including observation and participation in activities, the parent or guardian for him or herself and any successors in interest and on behalf of the minor child(ren) agrees:

1. To release, waive, discharge and promise not to sue the Diocese of Oakland, and its affiliated entities, its officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers (hereafter referred to as “Releasees”) from all liability for any loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of serious or mortal injury to the body, injury to psyche or property of the minor child, or undersigned parent or guardian, whether caused by negligence or other conduct by the Releasees while the minor child, parent or guardian is participating the youth ministry activities or in, upon or about the premises of the Diocese or any of its facilities or equipment.

2. To indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any loss, liability, damage or cost it may incur due to the presence of the minor child, parent or guardian in, upon or about the premises of the Diocese, its facilities or equipment, or while participating in any youth ministry activities whether caused by the negligence of Releasees or otherwise.

3. That the parent or guardian has read this Agreement, voluntarily signs the Agreement and that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the contents of this written Agreement have been made.

Model Release Statement I hereby (circle one) GRANT/ DECLINE permission for my child(ren) named on this form to be photographed and/or videotaped during Faith Formation and Youth Ministry events; and for the resulting photographs and/or videotaped footage to be edited for the purpose of promoting St. Joan of Arc.

I have read this Agreement and understand everything written above.

_________________________   ___________________________   ________________
Print Name of Parent or Guardian   Signature of Parent or Guardian   Date

Mother/Father cell phone: ____________________   Mother/Father cell phone:

Primary Email: _______________________________
LIGHT: Part of the international Catholic youth ministry movement of Life Teen, LIGHT is our high school youth ministry program. A mix of large group activities and small group discussion time, inspiring speakers and relevant topics, LIGHT Nights offer teens a chance to make faith their own, with plenty of retreat and service opportunities along the way. LIGHT meets Monday evenings from 6:50-8:30 p.m. We also offer a Sunday morning alternative for teens who cannot make Monday evenings, called DONUTS, providing we have a volunteer to lead the group.

Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation is offered to juniors and seniors in high school who have completed all prerequisites, which include two semesters of LIGHT, one high school retreat, and 20 hours of service.

We want YOU . . .

. . . to be part of our parish faith formation family!

Contact us:
Faith Formation for Children & Families: 925-830-4710
Mary Machi, mmachi@sjasr.org
Marie Pena, Admin, mpena@sjasr.org
Youth Ministry: 925-830-4720
Gina McCormick, EDGE & Confirmation, gmccormick@sjasr.org
Mary Machi, LIGHT, mmachi@sjasr.org
Michelle Cooke, Admin, mcooke@sjasr.org

Faith Formation for children, teens and families at St. Joan of Arc
**First Reconciliation/First Eucharist/Family Faith:** We believe that parents are the first and best teachers of faith for their children, and that the best gift we can give the children of our parish is an entire family growing in faith together! With that in mind, parents who wish their elementary-aged children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist participate in a two year sacramental preparation program called FAMILY FAITH. With FAMILY FAITH your whole family comes together about 12 times during the year, to learn about God and grow in faith as a family. At a minimum, one parent and one child attends, but the whole family is welcome! (yes, even toddlers and babies!) Three options are available: Sundays after the 9 a.m. mass (10-11:15 a.m.), Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. mass (11:30-12:45), and Thursday evenings (6-7:15 p.m.).

During the second year of Family Faith, there are a few extra sessions, in addition to regular Family Faith sessions, specific to Reconciliation and Eucharist, to prepare children for these special celebrations!

**Little Saints:** Little Saints is our preschool program offered during the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. masses for children 3 1/2 – 5 years old. While parents are at mass, young children learn how loved by God they are!

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLW):** Taking place during the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. masses on Sundays, Children’s Liturgy of the Word dismisses children in grades K-5 during the readings and the homily. The children go to a classroom to hear and discuss the Sunday readings and the Gospel at age-appropriate levels. A great way for your children to come to love and understand the mass! No need to register for CLW—just participate!

**ROCK:** ROCK is our faith formation program for children in grades 3-5. It does not involve sitting at desks with books! With large group games, activities and crafts, and small group discussions to help children make faith their own, ROCK is an excellent way for older elementary-aged children to grow closer to Jesus. ROCK takes place on Monday evenings from 6-7:15 p.m. (Also offered during Sunday Family Faith sessions)

**St. Joan of Arc: To be Christ for others as Christ is for us!**

**BLAST:** BLAST is our youth ministry program for 6th graders! Especially for our young people in the first year of middle school, BLAST is a dynamic and interactive way for our 6th graders to learn more about and love their faith. BLAST takes place on Wednesdays from 6:50-8:30 p.m.

**EDGE:** EDGE is our amazing youth ministry program for 7th and 8th graders. Parishes all over the world use EDGE to engage middle schoolers with their faith in a fun and dynamic way, and EDGE includes not just our weekly gatherings, but retreats, service opportunities and social events as well. EDGE takes place on Wednesdays from 6:50-8:30 p.m.

**Faith Formation at St. Joan of Arc:** Leading children, teens and families closer to Christ!