

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

Please read both sides.

PERSON filling out this form:	Phone Number and relationship to youth
Child's name	NAME of (St. Mary's/Calvert County) School
Child's COMPLETE Birthday	Grade Level
PHYSICAL Address	Home Phone Mobile Phone E- Mail
Mailing Address (if different from above)	Please Check one: () My child was baptized at IHM church (month/date/year) _____ () My child was baptized at _____ Catholic Church. Attach copy of Baptism certificate.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Mother's First Name AND MAIDEN Name	Mother Work Phone	Mother Cell Phone
Father Name	Father Work Phone	Father Cell Phone

Weekly MASS attendance is part of everyone's faith formation. We expect all parents to bring their children to Mass. To make your child's religious education complete and meaningful PARENTS need to discuss and share lessons at home. Without this on-going home instruction, students will not be able to relate their single hour of catechism lessons to their week long life experiences.

How often does your child attend Mass? Every Sunday__ twice a month__ sometimes__ never__

Emergency Contact Who Can Be Called if a Parent is Not Available

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone(s) _____

Special Needs of Child: Please describe any special needs that will help catechists and staff better serve your child.

- () Allergic to _____ Life threatening? () Yes () No
 () Learning Disabilities, Physical limitations or other needs _____
 () Other (recent divorce, relocation, emotional trauma, medical issues) _____

Faith Formation Options *Check one*

- () Sunday Faith Formation classes at IHM Raley Education Center – **Levels 1 –4, 9:45 –11:00 AM**
 () Monday Faith Formation classes at IHM Raley Education Center – **Levels 5 –8, (2-Year Confirmation): 6:30 –7:45 PM**
 () Family Program – Parents teach children at home using text provided by parish and the child, AND at least one parent attends five "Community Builder events" at the parish during the year (many events to choose from, details provided along with textbook)
 () Catholic School: _____ () Attending Catholic Formation at another parish: _____

Registration Fee Attach checks payable to IHM. Fee applies to weekly, home site and family Programs.

- () Parishioner Fee () one child - \$100.00 () Two or more children: \$120.00 () Youth Bible \$15.00
 () Non Parishioner Fee () One child \$150.00 () Two or more children: \$200.00
 () Financial Need * – No child will be denied Faith Formation for financial reasons. () NOTATION _____

*If you have financial need, call the pastor to arrange a fee reduction, delay or waiver: 301-863-8147 for strictest confidence.

Parent Agreement: I accept responsibility in regard to my child's Faith Formation as detailed in the agreement (see reverse) and grant permission for my child listed above to be photographed during Faith Formation classes and activities.

Signature _____ Date _____

Willing to help as a catechist, chaperone, aide, or hall monitor? Adult volunteers must complete Diocese clearance process (forms available at IHM main office).

NAME: _____ PLEASE CIRCLE one: ✓Sunday ✓Weekday ✓Special Events



Immaculate Heart of Mary Children's Faith Formation Agreement Parish and Parent Responsibilities



Congratulations for making the loving and generous choice to give your child the priceless gift of Catholic Faith Formation! It is a gift that will keep on giving for eternity, in times of joy and of sorrow.

Parish Responsibilities: Our Catholic Church has always taught that “Parents are the first and most important educators of their own children” (National Catechetical Directory). This is the underlying premise of all Faith Formation programs for children at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Every member of the Children's Faith Formation Team (DRE, catechists, aides) has the mission to respect and support parents/guardians by providing faith formation assistance and guidance. As a support, IHM Parish offers parents/guardians, a well-balanced Youth Faith Formation program featuring Diocesan-approved, and developmentally appropriate curriculum regarding: **Creed, Liturgy, Prayer, Sacred Scripture, Sacraments, Morality, Stewardship** of time and talent, and **Service** to others in need. Programs concentrate on:

- Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist, in Sacred Scriptures, in the parish, in people who are in need, and in each child's heart;
- Providing a loving and joyful experience of our Catholic parish community;
- Liturgical worship/Mass and Sacraments, Sacred Scripture, and the magisterial teaching of the Catholic Church;
- Promoting loving choices (Christian morality), stewardship, social justice, and service to others as Disciples of Christ.

Parental Responsibilities The Children's Faith Formation Program is intended as a supplement to the faith formation efforts of parents/ guardians. If parents/ guardians want children to truly embrace the Catholic faith – and to know the joy and strength of a loving relationship with God and Church - they need to work with children during family moments by:

- Attending Mass weekly and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year during Lent;
- Praying at home daily with children (bedtime prayers, meal prayers, and bible reading are essential);
- Instilling Christian moral values through sharing wisdom, demonstrating love and affection, providing a good example of Christian choices/virtues, making time for each child, and providing consistent kind and loving discipline;
- Taking an interest in Faith Formation, asking about classes/studies, and attending special family events;
- Volunteering to assist with Faith Formation and other parish events, and contributing financially to the parish (Faith Formation fees cover only about 1/3 of the actual costs);
- Placing a priority on regular attendance at all required classes and/or meetings, and doing make-up work;
- Maintaining firm supervision of TV, music, videos, games, books and other media to ensure good content.

Weekly Program and Home Site Attendance: If your child must miss class or needs to leave early, ***please write the catechist a note indicating the reason and date of the absence.*** If your child has an extended illness, contact the Director of Religious Education to make arrangements for learning at home. If a child has three or more absences, the Director of Religious Education will contact you.

Multiple absences may result in Level retention or delay of sacramental preparation. Students must have at least 75% attendance, or demonstrate that 75% of class material has been satisfactorily learned, to receive credit for the year.

Weekly Program and Home Site Discipline: Faith Formation classes and events should make all feel welcome, loved and respected. No student or adult should inhibit another from learning by disrespectful actions. Parents and Faith Formation Team agree to the following discipline policy for addressing student misbehavior: 1) the catechist will speak with the student first to gently correct behavior in a positive way; 2) if the misbehavior continues, the student will be sent to the Faith Formation Office to meet with the Director of Religious Education. 3) If the misbehavior continues, the student will again be sent to the office. A short statement will be written and signed by the student, catechist and the Director of Religious Education. The parents/guardians will then be called. The parents may be asked to accompany the student to the next Faith Formation session before the student will be readmitted to class. A joint conference may also be requested by the Director of Religious Education, catechist, or the parents/guardians.

Family Program (formerly known as “homeschooling”) Families who choose to provide faith formation for their children at home will meet with the Director of Religious Education and demonstrate that the Archdiocesan curriculum guidelines are being covered at home. Families should also attend five Community Builder Events scheduled during the year to provide the important element of formation for community life. 80% participation ensures adequate formation commitment and will ensure an authentic participation within parish community life.

Catholic School Families and Homeschooling Families (those who provide ALL education at Home): Catholic school children are also served by the Faith Formation office, as are families who choose to provide all their children's education at home. These IHM parish families should register their children each year for Children's Faith Formation, **without any cost.** It is important these families to continue active participation in the parish community, and for the children to share the benefits of their spirit-filled education with the other children of the parish

Special Needs Our Parish wants to serve all children regardless of any disabilities, medical issues, emotional needs or other special situations, and will try to arrange a special learning plan to address the special needs of each student.

You may complete your registration with a [CFF scholarship](#) and waiver by contacting our Parish Bookkeeper at 301-863-8144.

Thanks! Children of second year catechists get a discounted registration assessment.