

NEW PROGRAM

Catechism

Know your Faith. Grow in Faith. Go in Faith.

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Overview

Our faith is meant to be lived out in our homes, at our schools, in our jobs, and in our communities.

Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts is a faith formation program that invites children and their parents into a new way of living in relationship with God, family, community, and the world.

This comprehensive program provides **sound doctrine, Scripture, Tradition, and prayer** through experiential activities that make these essential lessons part of a lifelong practice of faith.

“The first setting in which faith enlightens the human city is the family...”

~Pope Francis

(52) *Lumen Fidei -The Light of Faith*

The Six Tasks of Catechesis (GDC 86-87)

1. Promotes knowledge of the faith.
2. Promotes a knowledge of the meaning of the Liturgy and the sacraments.
3. Promotes moral formation in Jesus Christ.
4. Teaches the Christian how to pray with Christ.
5. Prepares the Christian to live in community and to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church.
6. Promotes a missionary spirit that prepares the faithful to be present as Christians in society.

Children and Families

As parents, guardians, and other family members you have responded to God's call to walk with your children on their faith journey.



Together, parents, catechists, and parish priests or parish life directors can strengthen parish catechism programs with ease. Fostering Faith at home has never been easier! Kids can actively review important concepts. Parents are supported with practical tools.

The Finding God program allows for opportunities to continue the lessons at home. Each session includes a "With My Family" page describing activities and prayers which can be done in the home. Families will have access to on-line resources for both parents and children - newsletters which support the topics covered in class, and games/activities to assist the children in learning more about their faith and how to be followers of Jesus Christ. These resources can be found at www.FindingGod.com

Together

One of the greatest joys in life for a Christian is to seek, discover, and pursue the purpose for which God has called him or her.

As Christians, our understanding of the word vocation implies much more than what job or career we have.

It deals with our very purpose in God's plan.

Parenthood is indeed a vocation.

Parenthood is a call from God to use your gifts and talents to serve his kingdom. It requires a lifetime commitment to nurture, teach, and eventually release a child to pursue his or her own unique vocation. The vocation of parenthood is a gift from God and a very special privilege, filled with opportunities for grace and blessings. It also requires a spirit of sacrifice and generosity. Many of you work extra jobs, put aside your own plans, and make many changes in your own lives for the sake of your children.

Our parish has a deep respect for your vocation.

Parenthood is a vocation that is vitally important to the life of the Church. Christian parents transmit faith, convey truth, share the Word of God, and introduce their children to the sacraments of the Church. We recognize that the role of the catechist is to assist you in your efforts to help your children grow in faith.



Today

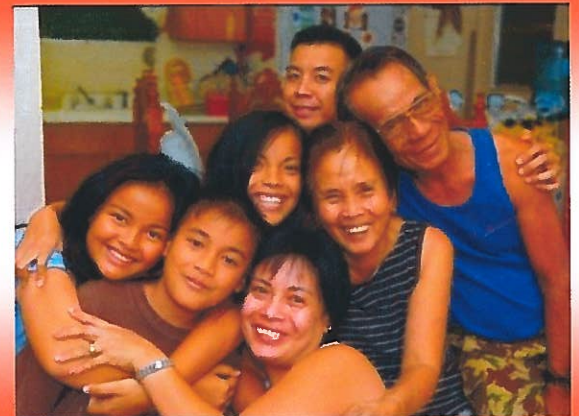
Since the early days of the Church, the home has been considered a holy place where family members receive the first proclamation of the faith and learn about virtues, prayer, and Christian charity.

The Catholic Church reinforces this image by referring to the family as "the domestic church." (CCC 1666) As Christian families, your daily lives are an expression of the Church.

We look forward to partnering with you as we strive together to grow in faith and lead our children into a deeper relationship with God. Thank you for your generosity, your dedication, and your commitment to your children. Be assured of the support of the entire parish staff as we embark upon this faith journey.

Let us pray...Dear God, we thank you for our children and we know that as parents we are called to educate our children in the Catholic faith. Please lead and guide our catechists and parents to be models of your love. Help our families recognize your presence in all things. Guide our children and families to be people for others. We ask you this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

"The definite aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch, but also in communion and intimacy, with Jesus Christ." (GDC 80)



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