



## *St. Peter Cathedral 2021-2022 Faith Formation*

Dear Families,

Welcome back! This year I look forward to having activities that will bring us together as a group! We are starting with some family events revolving around Bishop Baraga so we can learn about this very holy bishop who has helped form our local history, and our parish. We will also pray together every Sunday before class. This will strengthen our sense of community and teach the children the different types of prayer.

### SNACKS and TIME OF CLASS (11:45 am-1:00 pm)

Please have your child meet us in the Church Hall **Sunday mornings** at 11:30 am to have snack. **I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE PROVIDE A SNACK FOR YOUR CHILD ONLY.** You are welcome to sit with them at a table while they eat, or I will be there with them. We will then start with a prayer at **11:45am**, and children will proceed to class with their teachers. Please **be on time**, as group prayer helps us to feel like we are part of a community, and this is an important aspect of our program. **Class ends at 1:00 pm.** Please **pick up** your child **IN THE GATHERING AREA.**

### CURRICULUM (grades 1-8)

Grade 2 will use **Faith & Life Series**, while grades 3-5 will use a new curriculum, named **FINDING GOD, Our Response to God's Gifts, by Loyola Press**, a program that I believe will help the children enter a deeper relationship with God. Middle-School (gr. 6,7 & 8) will use **ENCOUNTER, experiencing God in the every day, by Mark Hart**, a program that will focus on salvation history. These programs are engaging and embrace the full and authentic teachings of the Church. They also incorporate some audio and visual technology that will be used in the classroom. Homework will be minimal, if any will be given. You might be asked to cover a chapter at home if we do not meet in person, since we only have so many meetings, and so much material to cover. Either your child's teacher or I will contact you via e-mail to inform you.

When a **textbook** comes home, **please return it the following weekend**, as we **will be using textbooks IN CLASS.**

I have developed a calendar for what chapters will be covered in class, but will have to be flexible with the schedule, as I'm planning to have several guest speakers in the classrooms, which will be scheduled later in the year. Some speakers will be from St. Vincent DePaul, the Women's Care Center, Fr. Ben Rivard, Deacon LeBeau from Gladstone (witness story), etc. At times I will also begin with a **meditation** in the chapel. I will usually notify you/remind you when we have a special event through a FLOCKNOTE.

### ABSENCE FROM CLASS

Please **email me or call me** if you know your child will miss class. Our teachers spend much time in preparing lessons, and it is considerate to let them know if they will not have students before the day of class or **ASAP**.

### SICKNESS

Please keep your child home if he/she feels sick, has a cough and sore throat or temperature of above 100.4 degrees. If your child tests positive for COVID 19, please inform me ASAP.

### MAGNIFIKIDS

Each child in grades Atrium-5<sup>th</sup> will get a **MagnifiKid** issue **every month**. I usually pass them out on the last Sunday of the month.

We are here to assist you in raising and forming your child in our rich and beautiful Catholic faith. *You are their primary catechists*. We can see this simply in considering that we have the children for 24 hours in an entire year, and that is if they come every week! (That is only about 3 days of school.) There is no way we can adequately form them, but we are here to serve and support you.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at all about our program. I am truly blessed to be a part of your faith journey!

God bless you & your family,

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