**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Grades Pre-Kindergarten through 5:**
Classes are held in the Monsignor Slade School on Sunday mornings 9:00 – 10:20 a.m., September through April.  (Grades Pre-K, K, 1 and SPRED dismiss at 10:15) Parents wishing to enroll their children in these classes should call the Religious Education Office to make an appointment. In order to enroll a child, parents/guardians must be registered parishioners of Church of the Crucifixion, Church of the Good Shepherd or Holy Trinity Catholic Church. For more information contact *Joyce Pagan, 410-766-5070 ext. 218*; email jpaganrep@gmail.com.

**Grades 6 through 8:**Youth Faith Formation is for students in 6th to 8th grade.  Classes meet for six weeks in the fall and six weeks in the spring.  Classes are held on Sunday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Monsignor Slade School.  In addition, middle school youth are required to attend two of four Middle School Service Projects.  They are also required to attend their grade level retreat.   For more information or to register your child, *contact Joyce Pagan, 410-766-5070 ext. 218*; email jpaganrep@gmail.com.

**Special Religious Education SPRED:**
Special Religious Education instruction is provided for students age five and above, with varying degrees of learning and physical disabilities. This program brings the love of God to special-needs students and their families. Classes are held in small groups or one-on-one which enables children to work at their own pace. We meet on Sunday mornings in Monsignor Slade classrooms at 9:00 a.m.; classes conclude at 10:15 a.m. The students prepare for sacraments as they are ready, and participate in the sacramental classes with a support system in their Religious Education classes. Contact Joyce Pagan, *410-766-5070 ext. 218*; email jpaganrep@gmail.com for more information.

Our Catholic Faith (OCF):

Classes are held in the Monsignor Slade School on Sunday mornings 9:00 – 10:20 a.m., September through April.  These classes are intended for young people, grades 6 – 12, who did not attend religious education classes during the previous year. This class will introduce, or reintroduce the student to our Catholic faith and prepare them for the following year, when they will receive the sacrament of the Eucharist and/or Confirmation (Grades 9-12 only). For more information contact Joyce Pagan, *410-766-5070 ext. 218*; email jpaganrep@gmail.com.

Christian Initiation Process (RCIC):
Classes are held in Monsignor Slade School once a month throughout the school calendar year. Our RCIC classes are for the children (and their parents) who are not baptized (Catechumens) and are older than seven. Please note that both the children and their parents are required to attend these scheduled classes. At the end of our school year, these children will receive the sacrament of Baptism. For more information contact *Dan Miller, 410-766-5070 ext. 220*; email dmiller@faithformationprogram.org.

**Sacramental Preparation**

In accordance with the guidelines set by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the sacraments of Reconciliation, 1st Communion (Eucharist), and Confirmation require at least one year of formal religious education immediately prior to the year the child is scheduled to receive their sacraments. For more information contact *Dan Miller,
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“Children enroll in a Catholic school recognized by the Archdiocese, a parish religious education approved by the pastor/pastoral life director for at least one year prior to entrance into the program for immediate catechesis.”

* Signs of God’s Love: Regulations & Guidelines for Sacramental Catechesis

It is also important to note that all students who plan on receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist must successfully complete our 1st Reconciliation preparation program prior to their preparation for 1st Eucharist.