

# FAITH FORMATION POLICIES

## ATTENDANCE

The goal of the Faith Formation ministries is to provide a welcoming and nurturing experience for children and youth. Parents are asked to make every effort to assure that children/youth attend every session, arriving and leaving on time. If a participant is to be absent, parents are asked to notify the catechist/leader prior to the session.

*Pre-School-Grade 8:* If a child is absent more than two consecutive times, a staff member will call the parent to converse about the absence.

*High School FIC Groups:* If a youth is absent more than two times per season (fall or spring), a staff member will call the parent to converse about the absence.

*Sacramental Programs:* The sacrament preparation process is part of our faith formation programs. This includes the sacrament of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. It is our policy that in order to participate in the sacrament preparation process, your child needs to either be registered and regularly attending one of our faith formation programs the entire year of the sacrament, or attending a Catholic school. Registration for our programs occurs in the late summer through fall and can be found at that time on our web page. Please contact the program ministers with questions.

## CONDUCT

All children are expected to be respectful of themselves, their peers, catechists, and facilities. Offenses that could result in being asked to leave the program include, but are not limited to:

- Assaulting another person
- Possession, use, or distribution of cigarettes, drugs, alcohol, or weapons
- Possession or circulation of obscene or pornographic materials
- Theft
- Intentional mischief or defacing the premises

If a child is disruptive to the group, the child will be redirected and, if necessary, given a warning. If the situation continues, the catechist will consult with the coordinator of faith formation program. If the circumstances persist, the parent's help and cooperation will be sought. In summary:

- First: Warning to the child from the catechist
- Second: Private talk with the coordinator
- Third: Parents' help and cooperation sought. This may necessitate a phone call home for the child/youth to be picked up by the parent. The program coordinator is allowed to arrange a meeting with parents and catechist(s) before the child/youth is allowed to return

## WEATHER CANCELATION

For weekday sessions: If Eden Prairie School District 272 cancels school and/or evening activities due to weather or other circumstances, our programs will also be canceled.

For weekend sessions: The Pax Christi Faith Formation staff will determine cancellations based on weather or other circumstances.

Families will be notified of cancellations via Flocknote (text and email) by 3:30pm on the day of scheduled evening programming. Weather cancellation notices will also be available at [www.paxchristi.com/weather](http://www.paxchristi.com/weather).