

Faith Formation Registration for 2009 - 2010

St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish

28 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

Please print in block letters.

Parent/Guardian Names (in full): _____ & _____

Address _____ Home Phone: _____

_____ Mom/Dad Work: _____/_____

_____ Emerg. Phone(s): _____

Parent Email(s) _____

List the full name of each child and indicate which grade he/she will be ENTERING in FALL 2009.

Name: _____ M/F _____ Birthdate _____ Grade _____
Select program:
Arts Based* [] Traditional []
* For grades K - 5 only

Are you planning for this child to receive a sacrament this year? If yes, please check appropriate box:

Eucharist [] Reconciliation [] Confirmation []

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A SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES AGREEMENT WITH THE POLICIES LISTED ON THE REVERSE OF THIS FORM.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

The suggested donation for costs associated with providing faith formation opportunities for children and families is \$200 per family.

Office Use Only:

Donation Pd: \$ _____ Date: _____ Method: _____

Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola Faith Formation Policies

In moving from “Religious Education” to “Faith Formation”, St. Ignatius has purposefully chosen to move from a focus on our participants attaining knowledge to our entire community coming to a greater experience of Christ in their lives. We know that faith first develops within the family, and as such we wish to expand our programs to be more welcoming and inclusive of all members of the family, regardless of age. In order to best serve you, and with that philosophy in mind, we ask that you carefully review the following policies:

Worship

The first, and most important, expectation of our program is that families will worship regularly with us at Sunday liturgy. This is the central activity and tenet of our faith, and to not include it in our regular catechetical practices is to take away the crux of both our faith and our community.

Attendance at Class

Children and young people are expected to be present for all classes, retreats, service projects, and special events (as per the student’s calendar). We recognize that illnesses and other unplanned conflicts may arise on Sunday mornings, and of course we want what is best for your family. However, in the interest of the well-being of the program and all of its participants, we ask that you observe the following:

- When a child will be absent, please notify the office at 617.552.6105. We are responsible for your children while they are with us. It helps us greatly to know when they will not be here.
- A child may have up to 3 excused absences per year. **After 3 absences, the child will be dropped from the class roster**, though the family will continue to remain registered in the parish. Students who infrequently attend faith formation lack the opportunity to build and feel comfortable within a community, and also have less of a chance to build and explore their faith. Additionally, students who register but do not or do not often attend class cause distress for staff, catechists, and other families, who must plan around those children.
- Children who experience long-term illness will be provided with materials for home instruction as needed.

Arts-Based Program

Our Arts-Based Program continues to be a wonderful and popular choice for some students and families. This year, due to last year’s very high enrollment, we will need to limit the amount of people who will be allowed to register for the class. When registering for this class, parents will be making a commitment to the pedagogy of the class. This requires a commitment of regular attendance on the part of each student and a commitment of regular classroom assistance on the part of each parent. **Parents must remain with their child(ren) in the class during each class session.** After 2 unexplained absences during a semester from the ABP, families will be contacted about their commitment to the program.

Arrival & Departure

Class times for grades K-5 are **8:45am – 9:45am** for our traditional program. Catechists and staff members are on hand to welcome and be with your children 10 minutes before and 10 minutes after class. **For the safety of your children and the courtesy of allowing catechists to attend liturgy on time, please be prompt in picking up your children.** Please also note that students in grade 5 and below must be picked up by a parent.

Behavior

We expect – and often find! – that our students are loving, polite, enthusiastic, responsible, and respectful. However, there are times when a student’s behavior may fall outside what is acceptable in a parish setting. Behavioral issues will be addressed in the following manner: First, the catechist will speak with the child to address their concerns. If the problem remains unresolved, the Director of Faith Formation will speak with the child regarding the issue. Lastly, a family meeting will be arranged to resolve the problem.

Photography

During certain events, St. Ignatius staff members may take photographs in order to illustrate some of the things that we do as a parish. It is always your right to remove yourself from these pictures or to ask us not to use them in any way. By signing this form, you are giving St. Ignatius and its parish staff permission to take and use photographs of your child or children for the purposes of parish promotion and education.

Liability

By signing this form, you agree that no liability is assumed by St. Ignatius Church, its parish staff, chaperones, volunteers, or its affiliates for claims that may arise out of activities done through the faith formation program.