

Share Jesus: Faith Formation Day Saturday, Aug 25th 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



The Parish Catechetical Leaders and Master Catechists of Deanery 11 (Southern San Mateo County) are please to present a one-day seminar for parents and catechists. These sessions offer credit for certification and recertification for Basic and Master Catechetical Certificates.

All attend the morning sessions. There are four workshop choices in the two afternoon sessions.

St. Denis Church
2250 Avy Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025
RSVP to Lucy Soltau

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9:00 am Opening Prayer & Welcome

Led by Lucy Soltau.

9:30 am Parents as Primary Catechists & Catechist Certification

Director of the Office for Faith Formation of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Sr. Celeste Arbuckle, SSS will share insights about what the U.S. Bishops mean when they say “parents are the primary catechists” of their children. This is an awesome responsibility, how are parents supposed to do this? She will also explain the process for Catechetical Certification for volunteer catechists.

10:45 am Family Faith Formation: A Panel Discussion

Master Catechist, Sabrina Harper from St. Matthias Church, will facilitate a panel discussion with a group of parents who have been participating in their family-based catechetical program called Generations in Faith Together (GIFT). Have you ever wondered what this would look like in your parish? Are their downsides? What are the benefits? Come hear first-hand from parents.

11:30 - 12:30 pm Free Catered Lunch

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Session 1: 12:30 - 1:45 pm
(choose 1 of the 2 workshops offered)

How Can Apps Support Faith Formation?

Master Catechist, Sabrina Harper will conduct an engaging and lively workshop which will introduce parents and catechists to faith-based mobile apps that can be used at home, in the car, on vacation and even in the classroom. There will be opportunities to ask questions and share your favorite apps with the group.

Lectionary Based Catechesis

Master Catechist, Lucy Soltau will facilitate a discussion about Lectionary Based Catechesis, a model that St. Denis Church has used for years. This could take the form of Children's Liturgy of the Word, or Faith Formation for children during or between Masses.

Session 2: 2:00 - 3:15 pm
(choose 1 of the 2 workshops offered)

Strong Catholic Families, Strong Catholic Youth

In 2005, the Archdiocese of San Francisco participated in a National Initiative called, *Strong Catholic Families, Strong Catholic Youth*. This initiative was based upon research conducted called the *National Study of Youth & Religion*. Amongst other findings, that study showed that "the single most important influence on the religious and spiritual lives of adolescents is their parents." Master Catechist, Sabrina Harper will facilitate a workshop based on these

findings which were instrumental in influencing the leadership at St. Matthias Church to shift its focus from child-centered faith formation, to family-centered faith formation.

Family Prayer: Why It's Crucial for Parents to Share their Prayer Life

Catechist, Mary Smith from St. Matthias Church will lead an engaging and inspiring workshop for parents and catechists to encourage the sharing of prayer. So often, we keep our prayer lives private but with young ones in our care, prayer must be modeled so that the younger generations know how and love to pray.

3:30 pm Closing Prayer & Blessing for your Ministry

Led by Lucy Soltau.

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