

## Faith Formation

Dear friends in Christ,

It is that time of the year when we begin our faith formation and Religious Education programs. The aim of faith formation is to continue the work of evangelization which Christ entrusted to all of us. For some people, this year would be their first opportunity to be introduced to the good news of Jesus Christ. There is nothing more solid, profound, secure, meaningful, and wisdom-filled than receiving that initial proclamation of the good news. For others, this year could be the moment when the faith we received as children blooms and strengthens. It could be your “Aha” moment in faith. I invite you to make this year’s Faith Formation a moment of encounter. Whether it is through children’s religious education programs, youth ministry, RCIA, parish retreats or holy hour adoration, my goal and that of our team of catechists is to take you on a journey leading to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

Our journey this year will enable you to ask questions, share ideas, build friendships, and experience the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. As Pope Francis says: “How many important things unite us! If we really believe in the abundantly free working of the Holy Spirit, we can learn so much from one another. It is not just about being better informed about others, but rather about reaping what the Spirit has sown in them, which is also meant to be a gift for us.” We walk with others.

Faith formation simply offers us opportunities to acquire an attitude of conversion to the Lord. It means putting on the mind of Christ, trusting in God’s love, obeying God’s will, seeking holiness of life, and growing in love for others. Deepening personal prayer is a significant means toward growth in holiness in our daily life.

I invite all of us to ‘Come and see!’ Also, since everyone has a place in God’s heart, extend an invitation to friends, bring your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Let them know that Jesus is waiting to share his love with them.

May the peace of Christ fill your hearts.

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