

### Models of Faith Formation Offered

- **Home Study** – parents and children review material at home with resources and support from the parish
- **Family Program (K-5)** – parents and children review material at home and attend 6 once-per-month intergenerational gatherings that reinforce what you are learning at home
- **Station Rotations** (grades 1-5) – children attend two sessions per month that involve activities for various learning styles
- **EDGE** (grades 6-8) – middle schoolers attend two sessions per month that involve large group activities and small group discussions

### Catechetical Resources available upon request

- Adaptive Lesson Plans for Grades 1-8
- [Adaptive Finding God Kit](#) for Grade 1-8
- [Adaptive Sacramental Preparation Kits](#) (Reconciliation, Communion, and Confirmation)
- Custom-built DVD curriculum

### Adaptations to the Celebration of Sacraments

- **First Reconciliation** – may be done privately on any Saturday afternoon or by appointment rather than with the larger group; special seating arrangements can be made
- **First Communion** – may be done privately during any weekend Mass or by appointment rather than with the larger group; special seating arrangements can be made
- **Confirmation** – may be done privately in the Grotto Chapel or in the main church immediately before the large group celebration; special seating arrangements can be made

### Library Resources

- For Kids
  - [The Crippled Lamb](#), Max Lucado
  - [The Creation Story: In Words and Sign Language](#), John Audia
  - [Just Like Me](#), Emily DeFrancesca
  - [Seeing Through God's Eyes](#), Leanne Deluliis
  - [My Church](#), Karen McGann
  - [The Trouble with Josh](#), Carolyn Nystrom
  - [Created in God's Image](#), Heather Tomko
  - [God's Love Embraces Autism](#), Diocese of Pittsburgh

- [\*We Go to Mass\*](#), God's Love Embraces Autism
- For Parents and Catechists
  - [\*How to Welcome, Include, and Catechize Children with Autism and Other Special Needs\*](#), Lawrence R. Sutton, Ph. D.
  - [\*Meeting Special Needs: Tested Tips for Catechists and Teachers\*](#), Dr. Joseph White

#### Patron Saints for Special Needs

- St. Joseph of Cupertino – a patron for those with learning needs
- St. Giles – Patron Saint of the Disabled
- St. Dymphna – Patron Saint of those suffering due to nervous or mental afflictions
- St. Bartholomew – Patron Saint of neurological disorders
- St. Ambrose – Patron Saint of Learning
- St. Thomas Aquinas – Patron Saint of Students

#### Language Needs

Nearly all resources and materials used in the Faith Formation program are also available in Spanish or Bilingual (English-Spanish) editions.

We are here to help you! If you have any questions about program adaptations and resources for children with special needs, please contact Jason Gawaldo, Director of Faith Formation, at [jgawaldo@stsjohnandpaul.org](mailto:jgawaldo@stsjohnandpaul.org) or 724-935-2104 X228.