



## Volunteer Opportunities

Family of Faith Group Leaders  
CGS Assistant Catechist  
Children's Liturgy Catechist  
6-12 Small Group Mentor (or Co-Mentor)  
First Communion Catechist (or Co-Catechist)

## Register today

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[www.materdeisc.org/faith-formation-registration](http://www.materdeisc.org/faith-formation-registration)

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-  **Mater Dei**
-  **Faith**
-  **Formation**
-  Helping Parish families grow closer to Christ.

## Watch for these extra activities throughout the year!

Vacation Bible School  
Family Adoration  
Talks for parents  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Preschool Storytime

**"Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. . . . Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God."**

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### Why use A Family of Faith?

Family Faith Formation is a model of faith formation based on the Church's call for parents to be the primary catechists to their children. This represents a radical role reversal in typical Catholic religious education, but it's really just an application of the Church's mandate to form adults so that families can catechize their children. When this occurs, children are taught the faith as a way of life and not just as a weekly class.

**The parish's role is one of equipping – not replacing.**

The focus is on giving parents tools to help them succeed at being the religious educators that they already are. For most families, high-level theological training is not as important as faithful practices, and Family Faith Formation can help with both.

## Our Programs

### A FAMILY OF FAITH

Parents and (K-5) children work together in small groups of 3-4 families to complete monthly lessons. Families come one time per month for lessons and one time per month for a special activity like Adoration. This helps families to grow closer together in knowledge of the faith as well as in their spiritual lives.

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (LEVEL 1, AGES 3-6)

CGS is a religious formation program for children that is based on the Montessori principles of education. In a CGS environment, children receive small group presentations and work with corresponding materials that invite them to ponder the mysteries of our faith. The context of the presentation is based on scripture and the liturgy.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Students gather in small groups of 8-10 students and are lead by trained mentors. The topics discussed are relevant to the faith and how to navigate teenage life and worries in the light and truth of our faith.