Saint Pope John Paul II referred to the family as the "domestic church." In other words, your home is the heartbeat of faith where God's love is lived out daily. As parents, you are the first and primary catechists of your children in the faith. What does it mean to be the primary catechist? Every moment in your home (the domestic church) can be a teaching moment. Our mission is to support you as a valuable resource in this effort.

We assist in forming children in Grades Pre-K-5 and seek to help every child encounter Jesus. We pray that their time in Elementary Faith Development will be a time of growth in their faith, prayer, and love of Christ. Every program we offer invites the Holy Spirit and breathes with an openness to adapt to the needs of your family while holding firmly to the teachings of our Catholic faith.

Maureen Earnhardt  
Director of Elementary Faith Development  
mearnhardt@stmchapelhill.org

Rachel Ingham  
EFD Assistant

The core of STM Youth Ministry is our spiritual development. We meet together to talk about our Catholic faith, to learn about the traditions and teachings of the Church, to grow in our relationships with Jesus and one another, and to become better disciples of Christ. Our activities include retreats, trips, social events, service projects and more!

Georgie Clemens  
Director of Youth Ministry  
gclemens@stmchapelhill.org

Kelly Browne  
JYM Coordinator  
kbrowne@stmchapelhill.org

2019-2020

CLASSES BEGIN
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

COST
$110 | 1 child
$210 | 2 children
$260 | 3 or more +
$25/family

Speaker Series Fee
For Grades 6th – 12th

$30/child

Home Catechesis Fee
Fees are waived for children of Adult Full-Time Volunteers.

Registration Deadline
August 31
An additional $25 per family will be due after this date.

For more information, contact:
Maria del Rosario
Faith Formation Secretary
mdelrosario@stmchapelhill.org

Send completed forms and payment to:
FD Registration
St. Thomas More Catholic Church
940 Carmichael Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

HOME CATECHESIS
We provide support and some materials for families who wish to provide catechesis to their children or youth at home. More information regarding Home Catechesis can be found at www.stmchapelhill.org/home-catechesis.

We invite you to find other ways our programs can support your domestic church. Please visit us online at www.stmchapelhill.org/faith-development.
Sacramental Preparation Policy

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**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST**

Children should begin preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in First Grade (Year 1) to receive the sacraments in Second Grade (Year 2). Children or Youth older than First Grade who would like to receive these sacraments will be placed in a separate Sacramental Preparation program, with Elementary aged children meeting on Sunday mornings and Junior High and High School aged youth meeting on Sunday evenings. Junior High and High School youth will also prepare to celebrate Confirmation. All children or youth will celebrate the sacraments only after completing their second year of sacramental preparation.

Sacramental preparation requires weekly Mass attendance, parent meetings, family retreats, in addition to regular attendance at Faith Formation classes. **No more than 5 classes can be missed during each sacramental preparation year.**

If your child is enrolled in St. Thomas More School, sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is provided by the school and parish Faith Formation classes are not necessary.

**CONFIRMATION**

The Confirmation Faith Formation program prepares candidates to fully understand the meaning of this Sacrament. It invites candidates to deepen their relationship with God, affirm their faith, and live their faith in the world.

Sacramental preparation for Confirmation usually begins in 9th Grade (Remote Year) in order to receive the sacrament after 10th Grade (Immediate Year). Youth older than 9th grade with no prior sacramental preparation for Confirmation will be placed with a Remote Year class. All youth will celebrate Confirmation only after their second year of sacramental preparation.

To receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, candidates must be in 10th grade or above, have a sincere desire to receive this sacrament, attend Faith Formation classes regularly, provide community and parish service, and participate in retreats and family meetings.

**WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NOT BEEN BAPTIZED OR WAS BAPTIZED IN ANOTHER DENomination?**

Children who have reached age seven, up to age eighteen, are regarded by the Church as responsible persons with free will and a capacity for personal faith. Therefore any unbaptized child of seven years or more is expected to approach the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults adapted for Children (RCIA-C). A child or youth older than seven already baptized in another denomination will spend two years of preparation in the separate Sacramental Preparation Program.
### FAMILY INFORMATION

Mother’s Full Name ____________________________  Father’s Full Name ____________________________

Preferred Method of Contact (Select All That Apply):

- [ ] Mother’s Email ____________________________  [ ] Father’s Email ____________________________
- [ ] Mother’s Cell Phone ________________________  [ ] Father’s Cell Phone ________________________

Address ____________________________  City, State, Zip ____________________________

Registered STM Parishioner?  [ ] YES  [ ] NO

If NO, please attach a completed Parish Registration Form available in the Narthex and online at [www.stmchapelhill.org](http://www.stmchapelhill.org) and select “Join our Parish” under “Welcome” or call 919-942-1040.

### CHILD/YOUTH INFORMATION

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SESSION AND CLASS PLACEMENT INFORMATION

ALL CLASSES ARE HELD ON SUNDAYS. Please indicate session choice:

- [ ] EFD (Grades Pre-K -5)  □ Session 1 (9:25am - 10:40am)  □ Session 2 (11:00am - 12:15pm)
- [ ] JYM (Grades 6 - 8)  □ TYM (Grades 9 - 10)  □ WIRED (Grades 11-12)  6:30pm – 8:00pm

Name and location of previous parish/school: ____________________________

For JYM/TYM youth, please indicate a friend you would like to be in a peer group with: ____________________________

Are you providing HOME CATECHESIS for any of your children/youth?  [ ] YES  [ ] NO

If YES, please list name and grade of child/youth you will be teaching at home: ____________________________

### FEES

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Fees are waived for full time volunteers (see other pages for descriptions). Are you willing to volunteer full time?  [ ] YES  [ ] NO

No family will be excluded due to inability to pay. Do you need scholarship assistance?  If yes, the Scholarship and Payment Plan Form (available from the Office of Faith Development) must accompany registration.  [ ] YES  [ ] NO

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE $__________________________

Please write checks out to ‘St. Thomas More’. Online payment is available - click on the online payment link at [www.stmchapelhill.org](http://www.stmchapelhill.org/forms-and-registration).

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN NEXT PAGE**

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PHOTO AUTHORIZATION

There may be times throughout the year in which your child’s photo may be taken. These photos are sometimes displayed in the Church or used on our parish web site. No names will be used in connection with these photographs. Please indicate permission for each child/youth. If not checked it will be assumed photos are permitted.

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CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

The Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection has mandated that all volunteers who work directly with children or youth in our parish be subject to full and complete background checks. This procedure will seek to ensure the safety of young people in our care. In addition, all parents/guardians of faith development youth are required to fill out the attached yellow “Personal Information Sheet” in the event that an occasional visit to the classroom may occur. All forms will be confidentially secured within the Office of Faith Development. Parents who do not fill out this form will not be allowed to enter any faith development classroom or volunteer for any activity where children/youth other than their own are present.

MEDICAL AND ALLERGY INFORMATION

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Medical Insurance Co ____________________________________________________ ID/Policy No. __________________________

Emergency Contact (other than parent) ___________________________ Phone __________________________

I give permission for my child, in case of an emergency, to be taken to a physician or hospital by the STM parish personnel. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me. If I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the emergency physician to hospitalize and secure proper treatment for my son/daughter.

Signature of Parent/Guardian ___________________________________________ Date __________________________
PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET | HOJA DE INFORMACION PERSONAL
PARENTS & OCCASIONAL VOLUNTEERS | PADRES Y VOLUNTARIOS OCASIONALES

All parents/legal guardians are required to complete this form every year.
Please include the completed form with your faith development registration.
Todos padres/tutores requieren completar este formulario cada año.
Por favor de incluir el formulario con la inscripción para programa de catecismo.

NAME
Nombre

PHONE
Teléfono

ADDRESS
Dirección

PARISH
Parroquia

HAS A CIVIL LAWSUIT OR EMPLOYMENT COMPLAINT EVER BEEN FILED AGAINST YOU FOR CHILD ABUSE OR SEXUAL ABUSE? ______
¿Ha sido demandado en la corte o en su trabajo por asuntos relacionados con el abuso de menores o por abuso sexual? ______

IF YES, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS
Si es así, por favor explique

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME RELATED TO CHILD ABUSE OR SEXUAL ABUSE? ______
¿Ha sido condenado de un delito relacionado con el abuso de menores o el abuso sexual? ______

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Si es así, por favor explique

HAVE YOU EVER LEFT AN ASSIGNMENT OR EMPLOYMENT OR BEEN REMOVED FROM AN ASSIGNMENT OR EMPLOYMENT FOR REASONS RELATED TO ALLEGATIONS OF PHYSICAL OR SEXUAL ABUSE? ______
¿Alguna vez ha dejado un empleo o ha sido despedido de una asignación o del empleo por razones relacionadas con alegaciones de abuso de menores, el abuso físico o abuso sexual? ______

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I UNDERSTAND THAT IN SIGNING THIS PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET, I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE GIVEN IS TRUE AND CORRECT. Soy consciente que al firmar esta Hoja de Información Personal doy fe que la información que he proporcionado es correcta y verdadera.

______________________________
SIGNATURE
Firma

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DATE
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FORM A
07/23/2018
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07/23/2018
“Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love.” – Mother Teresa

VOLUNTEER NAME

CHILD’S NAME and GRADE

☐ Session 1 (9:25am - 10:40am) ☐ Session 2 (11:00am - 12:15pm)

Phone __________________________ Email __________________________

PLEASE CHECK THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT MATCH YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

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<td>☐ SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CATECHIST</td>
<td>Teach children older than Second Grade who are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, and participate in the Catechist Formation program.</td>
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<td>☐ EFD CO-CATECHIST</td>
<td>Prepare for and teach Sunday morning classes; attend catechist formation program.</td>
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<td>☐ OFFICE VOLUNTEER</td>
<td>Assist during the class period collecting attendance rosters, preparing resources and supplies, etc.</td>
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<td>☐ MUSICIAN OR SINGER</td>
<td>Teach music to children weekly, and plan music for special prayer services, programs, etc. Singers, pianists, guitarists, and other instrumentalists are also needed.</td>
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<td>☐ BILINGUAL HOSPITALITY</td>
<td>To welcome and assist Hispanic Families on Sundays and translate documents.</td>
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<td>☐ FULL TIME SUBSTITUTE CATECHIST</td>
<td>Be available on EFD Sundays to teach a class.</td>
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ONE TIME/SPECIAL EVENTS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

| ☐ Substitute Catechist                | ☐ Retreat Volunteers |
| ☐ Christmas Program Helper            | ☐ First Eucharist Celebration Helpers |
| ☐ Stations of the Cross                | ☐ Service Projects |
| ☐ End of Year Program                  | |
Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” “Here I am,” I said; “send me!”

Isaiah 6:8

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY (JYM) VOLUNTEER FORM

Volunteer Name ___________________________  Name and Grade of Youth ___________________________

Phone ___________________________  Email ___________________________

Please check the opportunities that match your gifts and talents

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<td>Lead junior high youth preparing for First Reconciliation First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Training &amp; curriculum provided.</td>
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<td>Office Volunteer</td>
<td>Attends youth ministry sessions, and assists with collecting attendance rosters, preparing resources &amp; supplies.</td>
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<td>Traffic Volunteer</td>
<td>Attends youth ministry session to supervise the safety and departure of the junior high school youth.</td>
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<td>Special Projects Committee</td>
<td>Assists with any service project or Youth Ministry event where needed.</td>
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<td>Hospitality/Bilingual Hospitality</td>
<td>To welcome and assist families on Sundays and/or translate documents.</td>
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<td>JYM Bible Study Leader (Advent/Lent)</td>
<td>Lead JYM youth in an 8-session bible study on a weekday evening during Advent and/or Lent.</td>
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<td>JYM Youth Council Parent(s)</td>
<td>Attends most youth council meetings to supervise and mentor youth. Assist the JYM Coordinator with planning.</td>
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<td>Serves as catechist on an occasional youth ministry session</td>
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<td>JYM Tech Support</td>
<td>Assist with the set-up and tear-down of technology driven presentations (3-4 times during the program year.)</td>
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ONE-TIME VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Potluck Kick-off (Sept 15)
- JYM Bingo/ Thanksgiving Box Assembly (Nov 24)
- Thanksgiving Box Sorting & Delivery (Nov 25)
- Advent Sales (Nov 16/17 and 23/24, after Masses)
- Fall Retreat at Camp Chestnut Ridge (Oct 26-27)
- Spring Retreat (TBD)
- Adult Presence Volunteer (Sunday Nights)
- JYM Service Project Chaperone/Drivers (Quarterly)
- Mass & Meal Volunteer (Nov 17 and Mar 29)
- Movie Night/ Social Event Chaperone (TBD)
- 8th Grade Graduation Volunteer (May 6)
- End of the Year Trip Chaperone (June TBD)
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (TYM) VOLUNTEER FORM

As Blessed Mother Teresa said, “I looked for the one that would comfort me and I found none. Be the one.”
Be the one for the teens at St. Thomas More and be prepared to laugh, learn and grow in love for Jesus. VOLUNTEER TODAY!

VOLUNTEER NAME ________________________________

NAME and GRADE OF YOUTH ________________________________

Phone ________________________________ Email ________________________________

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<td>Lead a group or class of youth during youth ministry sessions. Training &amp; curriculum provided.</td>
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<td>Lead high school youth who are preparing to receive First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.</td>
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<td>Assists Director of TYM during youth ministry sessions collecting attendance rosters, preparing resources &amp; supplies.</td>
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<td>Musician</td>
<td>TYM is looking for musicians and vocalists to help lead teens in song during occasional Sunday night group events.</td>
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<td>Traffic Supervisor</td>
<td>Attends youth ministry session to supervise the departure of the high school youth.</td>
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<td>TYM YOUTH COUNCIL PARENT</td>
<td>Attends most youth council meetings to supervise and mentor youth. Assist the Youth Ministry Director with planning (Alternate Sundays)</td>
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- Potluck Kick-off (Sept 16)
- 10th Grade Confirmation Retreat Planning Team
- 10th Grade Confirmation Retreat Chaperone (TBD)
- Mass & Meal Volunteer (Nov 17 and Mar 29)
- Adopt-A-Family Gift Wrapping (Dec 15)
- Adopt-A-Family Delivery (Dec 21)
- March for Life Chaperone (Jan 23-24)
- Traffic Volunteer (Sunday Nights)
- Adult Presence Volunteer (Sunday Nights)
- Movie Night Chaperone (quarterly)
- End of the Year Trip Chaperone (June)
- Mission Trip Chaperone (Summer)