

## Immaculate Conception Church

Family Based Faith Formation

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# Families Formed in Christ

Dear Parents and Guardians,

First, we pray that you and your families are well and are finding pathways with the Lord as our guide as we all adapt to what is coined as a "new normal" for home, employment and school and yes, our social gatherings. In each of those gatherings we are each encouraged to have Jesus at the center of all that we do in our social arena's.

We thank each of our families for making our first year of family based faith formation at ICC so successful. Once again, we desire to have the same success through our virtual model for family based faith formation. We will be utilizing Google Classroom and Google Meet to facilitate our program.

As parents / guardians, when you had your child(ren) baptized you became a "Domestic Church", the "Church at Home", nurturing, celebrating and teaching the Christian faith as family and then too gathering on the Sabbath with the larger community, the Christian Family, to celebrate the Eucharist by which the Christian family is nourished par excellence for one's journey of faith.

Although Covid-19 has disrupted much of our lives, socially distant yet bonded to one another as brothers and sisters, we remain spiritually united through the community of faith. The Body of Christ at Immaculate Conception continues to gather to celebrate the Eucharist while some at home join us virtually – we are one in the Lord!

Tentatively our Sessions will begin virtually at 10:00am with our virtual family gathering, sharing the Word, and our guest speaker. Each gathering will also have within it a lesson / activity for the family and child that will be available through google classroom. More information to follow. As each of our sessions will be broadcast through the platform **GOOGLE MEET, the link will be found in GOOGLE CLASSROOM. We require each family to provide a GOOGLE EMAIL ADDRESS.**

Please review the attached calendar. We pray that this virtual family format will only be temporary and we, as a family, will be able to reconvene so as to promote a closer relationship with God for both adults and children.

You will be receiving an email containing the link to the registration form. Please complete the form by **Wednesday, September 9, 2020** along with the fee. As we witness how our educational institutions are preparing for September we too are preparing our virtual curriculum. Please note that

if you are new to our program you must submit a copy of your child's Baptism and Communion certificates with their registration if they have already received those sacraments.

We so look forward to welcoming you and your children! Let us pray that through Family Based Faith Formation we will continue to experience the blessings of being a Parish Family under the patronage under Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception!

God Bless,  
Christina and Suzanne Benaquista  
Coordinators of Family-Based Faith Formation