

## WHAT IS CHILD FAITH FORMATION?

Child Faith Formation is not just about education. It is about a life-long process of being formed to live our faith and on-going conversion. We do that by “echoing the Word of God” in our lives.

Aside from preparation for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, our continuing religious education classes nurture each child’s growth in their baptismal faith from Grades 1 to 12.

## WHAT IS REQUIRED?

Required first and foremost is a desire to learn more about your faith. The family is invited to be registered parishioners at Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church. Preparation for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation is a two year process. Children must attend both years of classes to receive the Sacraments. Parents whose child is to receive their First Communion or Confirmation must provide a copy of their child's Baptismal, Reconciliation and Communion Certificates at the time of registration.

## CFF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- **August 21, 2016**  
11:00am Family Orientation for First Communion Families
  - **August 23, 2016**  
6:00 pm Family Orientation for Confirmation 1 Families
  - **August 24, 2016**  
6:00 pm Family Orientation for Confirmation 2 Families
  - **August 30, 2016**  
6:00 pm New Family Orientation
  - **September 06, 2016**  
6:00 pm Family Orientation for Level 3/4, Level 4/5, Level 6 and Level 7 Families
  - **September 13, 2016**  
**First day of Classes**  
5:45 pm – 7:00 pm (Grades K to 5th)  
7:00 pm – 8:15 pm (Middle School, High School and Confirmation classes)
  - **September 18, 2016**  
10:00 am Mass - Catechetical Sunday  
Commissioning of our Catechists
  - **October 02, 2016**  
10:00 am  
Beginning of the School Year Mass  
(followed by the presentation by the children of the Churches they visited over the summer)
  - **October 04, 2016**  
6:00 pm Family Meeting childcare provided (Attendance required) NO CLASSES
  - **October 11, 2016**  
6:25 pm, 7:00 pm Church time
  - **October 25, 2016**  
5:45 pm, 7:00 pm  
Saints visit our classes
  - **November 19, 2016**  
10:00 am – *CFF Family Advent Activity*  
All CFF Families required to attend
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- **December 10, 2016**  
5:00 pm Mass followed by CFF Advent Celebration  
2:30 pm Jesus Story Activity (for First Communion class and Conf 1 students as leaders)
  - **January 31, 2017**  
6:00 pm Family Meeting childcare provided (attendance required) NO CLASSES
  - **February 28, 2017**  
6:00 pm – *Loving God & Others* Lenten Activity All CFF Families required to attend
  - **March 11, 2017**  
10:00 am - First Reconciliation
  - **March 24, 2017**  
6:00 pm - Soup Supper hosted by CFF families and Confirmation 1 class  
7:00 pm - Shadows Stations of the Cross lead by Confirmation 2 candidates
  - **April 18, 2017**  
6:00 pm Family Meeting childcare provided (attendance required) NO CLASSES
  - **April 22, 2017**  
8:30 am - First Communion Retreat
  - **May 06, 2017**  
10:00 am - First Communion
  - **May 07, 2017**  
10:00 am - May Crowning
  - **May 13, 2017**  
10:00 am End of the School Year Mass followed by *Living Rosary, BBQ and games*
  - **May 16, 2017**  
Last day of classes

## PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

Parents share in this great responsibility of helping their child in forming their faith and preparing their child to receive the Sacraments.

Please discuss with your child the importance of being respectful toward their catechist. Also, please stress the importance of behaving appropriately while in class and in church. You may also want to explain, in your own words, why your child is a part of the faith formation program. Parents play a vital role in the preparation of their child. Parents are also required to attend meetings and participate in faith formation activities provided by the parish.

## STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

- Be respectful toward your catechist (teacher) and classmates
- Behave appropriately while in class and in Church
- Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation on a regular basis
- Be on-time for class every Tuesday
- Come prepared to class – complete homework and assignments

## CURRICULUM

- Level 1:** God Loves US  
**Level 2:** Jesus Shares God's Life  
**Level 3:** Good News: What the Church Believes and Teaches  
**Level 4:** Venture: What the Church Believes and Teaches  
**Level 5:** We Meet Jesus in the Sacraments  
**Level 6:** Our Catholic Faith  
**Level 7:** Vision: What the Church Believes and Teaches

### **Communion Preparation for Older Children**

- Confirmation 1:** Faith Fusion & Chosen  
**Confirmation 2:** Anointed with the Spirit & Decision Point  
**High School:** Discipleship through High School Ministry



**If you are interested in enrolling your child/teen in our program, please contact Mrs. Felisa Cepeda**

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Let the little children  
come to me ....

# Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church

Child Faith Formation  
Religious Education

*Offered to children in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade, especially for those preparing for the Sacraments. Classes are held on Tuesday afternoons and evenings.*