# **Faith Formation For All**

What exactly does "Faith Formation for All" mean? It means our faith journey is ongoing, lifelong ... womb to tomb and beyond! Our great Catholic Christian faith takes us from Baptism to Being – what a gift! The Religious Education Umbrella covers a wide and vast road. Let's look at some paths:

We offer age-appropriate settings and curriculum for every person desiring to be educated & enriched in the faith. It is important to remember, while a life of faith without the *sacraments* is not a full life of life ... neither is a life of faith without *continuing education & enrichment*.

## How do I know where under this big "umbrella" I should stand?

#### Infant Baptism is for me if:

I am a parent or guardian of a child newborn to age 7, desiring the sacrament of Baptism for my child? We have a wonderful team of volunteers in our Baptism ministry, happy to assist parent and guardians with this process. Contact baptism@espiritusanto.cc

#### PRCIA / OCIA (Rite / Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is for me if:

I am an adult, interested in the Roman Catholic faith. I am not baptized, OR I have received only the sacrament of Baptism in the Roman Catholic faith but have gone no further in faith enrichment or sacraments, OR I am baptized in another Christian faith and am seeking the path of Catholic Christianity. We have a wonderful team of volunteers in our RCIA / OCIA ministry.

## PRCIA / OCIA (Rite / Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) ADAPTED for youth is for me if:

I am over the age of 7 and not baptized, OR I am an <u>older teen</u> having received only the sacrament of Baptism in the Roman Catholic faith, OR I am an <u>older teen</u> baptized in another Christian faith and am seeking the path of Catholic Christianity.

We have a wonderful team of volunteers in our RCIA / OCIA (for adults & youth) ministry, happy to assist and guide your process. Contact <a href="mailto:loomis.beth@gmail.com">loomis.beth@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:sue@espiritusanto.cc">sue@espiritusanto.cc</a> for more information.

## **†** Ongoing Religious Education / Domestic Church model is for me if:

I am part of a family raising children in the Catholic faith. I want all members of my family to continue to learn and grow in the faith. I want separate classroom opportunities for my children/grandchildren in age-appropriate settings. But I also want opportunities for myself in adult learning settings. And I want opportunities for our entire family to learn together with other families, as well as within our own domestic church in the home.

We have a stellar curriculum, versatile schedules, and wonderful team of volunteers serving our Religious Education ministry. Contact <a href="mailto:sue@espiritusanto.cc">sue@espiritusanto.cc</a> for more information.

#### Espiritu Santo Catholic School is for me if:

I have children Pre-k through Grade 8 and want to offer them the best primary education possible, in the most faithfilled environment possible!

We have a school administration, staff & curriculum that is second to none. Contact 727-812-4650 for more information.

#### **†** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is for me if:

I have children ages 3-12 that learn best through sensory experiences, & thrive in a more Montessori style setting. Tuesday afternoons / evenings are a good time for me to bring them to the CGS atrium for this kind of faith enrichment.

We have wonderful team of volunteers serving our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd ministry. Contact sue@espiritusanto.cc for more information.

#### **"YES" Youth of Espiritu Santo is for me if:**

I am a high school student interested in relevant ways to live my faith. I want to engage in service, social justice, and real-life issues facing teens.

We have a dedicated core team of volunteers, using the Life Teen model to guide weekly "life nights" – and the tenants of our faith to guide spiritual, service orientated and fun experiences for teens. Contact <a href="mailto:sue@espiritusanto.cc">sue@espiritusanto.cc</a> or <a href="mailto:yES@espiritusanto.cc">YES@espiritusanto.cc</a> for more information.

\* Youth ministry is not limited to "YES" or to one program. Youth involvement in liturgical ministry, service programs such as SVDP, GSP, Scouts, etc. encompasses a broader view.

#### ♦ Young Adult Ministry is for me if:

I am a young adult (in my 20's-30's) and want to journey in faith with my peers. Contact <u>sue@espiritusanto.cc</u> for more information.

### **†** Family Sacrament Preparation is for me if:

I have a child / children in Grade 1 and higher, seeking preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Eucharist (Holy Communion) – or Grade 7 and higher, seeking preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. This preparation is **in addition** to Religious Education Ongoing Domestic Church model and Catholic School model of faith learning.

Contact <u>sue@espiritusanto.cc</u> for more information.

#### **Adult Confirmation Preparation is for me if:**

I am an active practicing Catholic, who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist – but for varied reasons have yet to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Contact <u>sue@espiritusanto.cc</u> for more information.

#### **Adult Ongoing Faith Enrichment is for me if:**

I am an adult who loves the faith and wants to grow in it! We offer Scripture Studies, Spiritual Enrichment Gatherings, Ongoing Education Programs, Service Oriented Ministries, Liturgical Ministries, Marriage Preparation, Vocations and so much more.

Contact the Parish Office 727-726-8477 for more information.

#### Serving as a Volunteer Catechist or Classroom Assistant is for me if:

I am an adult who loves the faith and wants to SHARE it! We learn as we teach, and we teach as we learn. Remember God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called! Contact the Parish Office and ask for Sue Sferra ... she will gladly and gratefully guide you!

The source and summit of our faith – A GIFT not to ignore. Gather, Nourish and be SENT to share the faith with others. Looking forward to celebrating with you at one of our many weekday and weekend Mass opportunities.