



Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church

Office of Faith Formation

700 Albin Avenue, West Babylon NY 11704

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Dear Parent/Guardian(s),

Please read this letter carefully as it concerns your child's registration in our Faith Formation program for the 2019-2020 academic year. Registration materials are below.

The greatest gift you can give your child is to deepen his or her spiritual life and so attain eternal life. This foundation is laid through your **Prayer, Presence** and **Participation** in the sacramental life of the church.

PRAYER: A vibrant, loving connection to our living God is the basis of a disciple's life. Pray every day, as a family if possible, and teach your children to pray by your example.

PRESENCE: As Catholics we are expected to participate at Mass every Sunday. Our faith formation process presumes this – without it this process would be ineffective. We rely on you to pray at Mass with your child weekly.

PARTICIPATION: A parish is the presence of the Risen Christ! As St. Paul said, "We are one body, all members of the one Body of Christ." We need each other, and your children need to embrace their own God-given destiny.

WITNESS: Become a witness to Christ at every moment. Children learn by example, and they will discover the value of Christian living to the degree that they see **you** value it.

SUPPORT: Support our parish and our Faith Formation Program financially. Did you know that it costs over \$200 per child enrolled in our program? Without your generosity of volunteerism and weekly financial support, we cannot continue to fulfill Christ's mission. We encourage you to use *WeShare*, our new online parish payment and giving program.

Please download the following application form. You may pay your registration by clicking on the *WeShare* link. We are excited to offer tuition payment through this system as well. If you are not able to register this way, you may pay with cash or check. We are not accepting in person or in office credit card payments this year.

Faith Formation is a cooperative effort, although the primary responsibility is always yours. Thank you for allowing us to continue to enrich and assist your family's effort, the "domestic church," in bringing our Lord to His children by your prayer, presence, and participation through the year.

In peace and prayer,

Rev. Msgr. Vincent Rush and the Faith Formation Team

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