

21 June 2021

Dear Parents,

Thank you for enrolling your child in our religious education program for the 2021-22 school year!

We will be starting the season with a Continental Breakfast on **Sunday, August 15 (Feast of the Assumption) from 10-11am**. First day of class is the **following Sunday, August 22**. Registration is now open, and you can either submit your form online at [www.charlestoncathedral.com](http://www.charlestoncathedral.com) (under education tab), mail to me at the Cathedral office at 120 Broad St., or send to my email: [christian.formation@charlestoncathedral.com](mailto:christian.formation@charlestoncathedral.com).

Classes meet from 10:05 a.m.-11:05 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Cathedral Center.

Preparation for both First Communion and Confirmation are mandatory two-year programs: 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. If your child is preparing for one of these sacraments and did not attend Christian Formation last year due to COVID, and was not homeschooled in faith formation last year, they will have to repeat the year they missed. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

God bless,

**Karen McLaurin**

Director of Religious Education

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## SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION POLICIES

All families participating in the Cathedral School of Christian Formation must be active, registered members of Cathedral parish. Classes are held on Sundays, 10:05a-11:05a, in the Cathedral parish center classrooms (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor).

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION POLICIES

In order to receive either First Holy Communion or Confirmation, children must attend, at the very minimum, TWO FULL YEARS of Christian Formation classes if they are not in our Catholic School system. **No more than three classes per year can be missed** during sacramental preparation. This policy is meant to ensure your child has the best sacramental formation possible.

#### **First Reconciliation/First Communion**

These two sacraments are celebrated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Children preparing for them must have attended a prior year of formation, either here or at another parish (need letter from previous parish's Director of Religious Education). If you have a child beyond the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade who would like to receive First Communion and Reconciliation, please contact the Director of Religious Education.

Students are expected to go to Sunday Mass every Sunday, attend class regularly (**no more than 3 absences**), and attend a workshop and rehearsal scheduled in the spring. Parents are required to attend any scheduled parent meetings and parent classes.

Parents must fill out a First Communion registration form (available on the Cathedral website) and submit it with their child's baptismal certificate.

#### **Confirmation**

Confirmation at the Cathedral is a two-year preparation program, beginning in the fall of 7<sup>th</sup> grade and ending in the spring of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If your child is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and has NOT been in a religious education program the previous year, please enroll him/her in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class for the fall. If you have an older teen in need of Confirmation this year, please call the Director of Religious Education.

**Cathedral of St. John the Baptist School of Christian Formation  
Registration Form 2020-21  
Grades K4-8<sup>th</sup> grade**

*Please PRINT legibly*

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Registered at the Cathedral

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

(Street)

(City)

(Zip)

Family e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name Dr./Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name Dr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Sacraments Received (*please check*)

	Child's Full Name and Nickname	Grade	Bapt.	Recon.	1 <sup>st</sup> Com.	Conf.
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

Allergies or special problems of which we should be aware: (Please list child's name and grade)

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**FEES: \$35/child**

**#children** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL COST** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*make checks payable to: Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 120 Broad St, Charleston, 29401*