

**St. Paul's Parish**  
Office of Faith Formation  
1807 Bedford St.  
Rome, NY 13440

August 11, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are enjoying some fun-filled summer days with your family. I'm so glad I was able to meet so many of you over these past weeks! As we look ahead to the Fall and all of the changes that will come with the start of school, please know that your parish is praying for a smooth transition for each of you. Amidst the many changes we are faced with, rest easy knowing that God walks with you during these challenging times.

Understanding that this year will be particularly challenging for your family, the coming year of Faith Formation at St. Paul's will adapt to meet the needs of your family as best we can. To that end, our start date for the program will be on October 14th which gives us time to settle into a new routine with children going back to school and parents returning to work.

We are currently considering different formats for faith formation which take into consideration not only the health and safety of the children and their catechists but also our children's need to be part of a small faith community with their classmates. Most of the parent responses to the July survey indicated a preference for on-site classes so we hope to make that an option, keeping in mind NYS DOH and CDC social distance requirements. At the moment, class meeting days/times remain as they were this past year, see schedule below. Some parents indicated a preference for online only or a hybrid option which combines on-site classes with an online component so we are preparing for those options as well. We will keep you updated with specific details such as days/times/materials/program formats as we get closer to the start of the year. Materials, support and prayer will be provided for all children no matter which option you desire for them. Please let me know if you have particular concerns so that we can plan for them.

I have attached the registration form and would ask that you return it as soon as possible but no later than Sept. 11th. Please indicate at the bottom of the form which formation option (onsite, online or hybrid) you prefer for your child so that we can enroll him/her in the appropriate class and arrange for catechists, classroom aides and learning materials. I've also attached the *Diocesan Virtual Catechesis Permission Form*. Please complete this form so that if situations change, we are able to immediately shift to online classes for everyone. The *School Bus/Release Time Form* is also attached. Please return *Church* copy with your completed registration form to me. Please mail the School copy to your child's school. Additional copies of all of the forms are available from the Office of Faith Formation and packets can be mailed upon request.

I am very excited at the opportunity to grow in faith together with you and your family over the coming year. Please contact me with any questions or concerns about your child's faith formation. I will continue to pray for you and ask that you pray for me.

God Bless,

Jen Menneci  
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**Schedule of Classes:**

Level	Class meeting day	Time
Levels K-6	Wednesday	8am-9am
Levels 7-10	Monday	6:30pm-7:30pm
Levels 9 & 10	Sunday	6pm-8pm, twice a month