



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH  
2011-2012 REGISTRATION INFORMATION  
FAITH FORMATION, GRADES 1-8

## WELCOME!

Thank you for your interest in Faith Formation at St. Joseph! We provide religious instruction and spiritual formation for children in grades 1-12. *(Use this form for students in grades 1-8.)* The primary goal of our program is to help children develop a relationship with God that will support, sustain, challenge and nourish them throughout their entire lives. Our program consists of weekly classroom sessions, seasonal celebrations, and special activities.

## PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION

Children need time to develop a relationship with God and to grow in their Catholic faith. At St. Joseph Parish, they must participate in two years of faith formation before they can receive first communion. This means that students who begin faith formation for the first time in fall 2011 will be eligible to receive first communion in spring 2013.

## PARISH ELIGIBILITY

Families should participate in faith formation and Church life in the parish where they reside; by worshipping God and learning about the faith with our neighbors, we develop a deeper commitment to our community and build a stronger connection between our faith and every aspect of our lives. Thus families that reside in St. Joseph Parish have first priority in registration for faith formation in our parish, and we encourage families that do not reside in St. Joseph Parish to seek faith formation in the parish where they reside.

However, sometimes an exception can be made for families to receive services outside their proper parish. If your family does not live in St. Joseph Parish, we cannot enroll you in our program without the permission of the pastor of your parish. *(This requirement will be waived for all families continuing their enrollment from 2010-2011 or who are currently registered in St. Joseph Parish.)* If you are inquiring about faith formation at St. Joseph for the first time in 2011-2012, please ask us for a letter for your pastor to sign requesting this permission. Attach the letter, with his signature and approval, to your registration form and we will happily complete your registration in our program.

## CLASS CHOICES

Faith formation classes meet from September through May, on the following days and times:

For students in grades 1-6:      Tuesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. in English *(first meeting on September 13, 2011)* OR  
    Tuesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. in Spanish *(first meeting on September 13, 2011)* OR  
    Wednesdays, 4:45-6:00 p.m. in English *(first meeting on September 14, 2011)* OR  
    Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. in English *(first meeting on September 14, 2011)*

For students in grades 7-8:      Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. in English *(first meeting on September 14, 2011)* AND  
    5:30 p.m. mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month from October 2011 to March 2012; AND  
    one day long retreat (spring 2012, date to be announced)

Please register early to ensure your first choice time. Classes meet at St. Joseph School, 1961 Plum Street, Pinole.

## REGISTRATION AND FEES

Registration fees help us to recover the cost of textbooks, classroom materials, and facilities usage. *(No child will be turned away because of financial need – please contact us to inquire about scholarships.)*

Base family registration fee (\$70/one child; \$120/two children; \$140/three or more children)	\$ _____
Add \$10 for each child if your family resides outside St. Joseph Parish	\$ _____
Add \$20 materials fee for each child receiving first communion in 2011-2012	\$ _____
Add \$20 Middle School Ministry retreat fee for each child in grades 7-8 only	\$ _____
Subtract \$10 per child for early registration discount (form completed and turned in by June 15)	\$ _____
<b>Family registration total</b> (check payable to St. Joseph Parish)	<b>TOTAL=</b> \$ <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 60px; height: 15px; vertical-align: middle;"></span>

## CLASS SELECTION REMINDER

A parent or guardian must accompany the child to the first class of the year. You will receive confirmation of your registration and class assignment in the beginning of September. Please write down your class choice and the date and time of the first class meeting and keep this page in a prominent place as a reminder to yourself!

First choice class: \_\_\_\_\_

First meeting, required for both the student and a parent or guardian: Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: St. Joseph School, 1961 Plum Street

## READY TO ENROLL?

Registration forms are available online at [sjcpinole.org](http://sjcpinole.org) or at St. Joseph Parish Center, 2100 Pear Street, Pinole. Please complete one registration form per child and bring the completed form(s), together with any necessary documents and your payment, to the parish center during office hours. Your enrollment is not complete until you have come to the parish center in person with all necessary documents and we have processed your registration form. The parish center is open from 9:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Friday.

## YOUR COPY OF THE PARENTAL PERMISSION/RELEASE

We require a signed parental permission and release for all students enrolled in faith formation; here is a copy of this agreement so that you may keep it for your records.

In consideration for being permitted to participate in faith formation at St. Joseph Parish, use the equipment provided, and enter the premises or facilities of the Diocese of Oakland for any purpose, including observation and participation in activities:

1. I/we, parent or authorized guardian of the child named above, give permission for his/her participation in faith formation at St. Joseph Parish and all related activities.
2. I/we agree to direct my/our child to cooperate and comply with reasonable directions and instructions from St. Joseph Parish staff and adult volunteer leaders.
3. I/we agree to be responsible for all medical expenses relating to injury of my/our child as a result of his/her participation in faith formation, whether or not caused by the negligence of program staff or volunteers or other participants.
4. I/we understand that children participating in faith formation may risk injury to the body or psyche or property damage to themselves and others. Such injuries can be caused by other persons, faulty equipment or facilities, or the activity itself, or be accidentally or intentionally self-inflicted.
5. I/we, for myself/ourselves and on behalf of the minor child, agree to release, waive, discharge and promise not to sue the Diocese of Oakland, its affiliated entities, and its officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers (hereafter referred to as "Releasees") from all liability for any loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of serious or mortal injury to the body, to the psyche or to the property of the minor child, or undersigned parent or guardian, whether caused by negligence or other conduct by the Releasees while the minor child, parent or guardian is participating in faith formation or in, upon or about the premises of the Diocese or any of its facilities or equipment.
6. I/we agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any loss, liability, damage or cost it may incur due to the presence of the minor child, parent or guardian in, upon or about the premises of the Diocese, its facilities or equipment, or while participating in any faith formation activities, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise.
7. I/we have read this agreement, understand everything written above and voluntarily sign the agreement. No oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the contents of this written agreement have been made.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact Neela Kale, Director of Religious Education, at (510) 741-4900 ext. 204, [neelak@sjcpinole.org](mailto:neelak@sjcpinole.org); or Teena Posas, Director of Youth Ministry, at (510) 741-4900 ext. 210, [teenap@sjcpinole.org](mailto:teenap@sjcpinole.org).



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL)

Does your child have any special needs?

Is there any special situation or concern you would like to share with us? (Use an additional page if necessary.)

## MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION

May the adult leader authorize medical treatment for your child in an emergency, as considered necessary by the attending physician? (circle one)                      Yes    No

Ongoing medication? (type and frequency) \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies to food or medication? \_\_\_\_\_

Physical or other restriction on the basis of medical condition? \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact to be notified if the parent(s) or guardian(s) cannot be reached:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and relationship to the child of any individual(s), other than the parents/guardians named above, authorized to drop off and pick up the student (we can only release a minor student to a parent/guardian or authorized person):

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5. I/we, for myself/ourselves and on behalf of the minor child, agree to release, waive, discharge and promise not to sue the Diocese of Oakland, its affiliated entities, and its officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers (hereafter referred to as "Releasees") from all liability for any loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of serious or mortal injury to the body, to the psyche or to the property of the minor child, or undersigned parent or guardian, whether caused by negligence or other conduct by the Releasees while the minor child, parent or guardian is participating in faith formation or in, upon or about the premises of the Diocese or any of its facilities or equipment.
6. I/we agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any loss, liability, damage or cost it may incur due to the presence of the minor child, parent or guardian in, upon or about the premises of the Diocese, its facilities or equipment, or while participating in any faith formation activities, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise.
7. I/we have read this agreement, understand everything written above and voluntarily sign the agreement. No oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the contents of this written agreement have been made.

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_