

Our tradition tells us: "Like other pastoral activities, catechetical ministry must be understood in relation to Jesus' threefold mission. It is a form of the ministry of the word, which proclaims and teaches. It leads to and flows from the ministry of the worship, which sanctifies through prayer and sacrament. It supports the ministry of service, which is linked to efforts to achieve social justice and has traditionally been expressed in spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Catechesis is an esteemed tradition in Christian tradition. Its purpose is to make a person's 'faith become living, conscious, and active, through the light of instruction.'"

Sharing the Light of Faith #32

1) How many children between Pre School and Grade Twelve are in your household?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 More_____

2) How are the children in your household being formed in our faith? *Check all that apply.*

- Participation at Sunday Mass
 Weekly 2-3 times a month Monthly
- Participation in Liturgy of the Word for Children
- Religious Education Classes
- Catholic School(s) Name of School(s)_____ Grade(s)_____
- Home Study
- Youth Group Events Youth Group Meetings
- Family Faith Events/Faith Formation
 Quarterly Semi-Annually Occasionally
- Sacramental Preparation Confirmation Communion Penance

3) What are some of the reasons that limit your participation? *Check all that apply.*

- timing conflicts due to sports, clubs, scouts, dance, theater, etc
- timing conflicts due to school commitments
- extended family obligations
- special needs of my child(ren)
- distance to church
- inconvenient time or day
- disinterest on the part of my child(ren)
- other (*please explain*)_____

4) If you are not participating in a regular program name three things that inhibit your participation:

5) How would you like to see us further develop our efforts in faith formation/youth ministry?

For children _____

For families _____

For adults _____

6) What special seasonal events would you like to participate in if they were available?

7) What do you consider the strengths of the faith formation/youth ministry offerings?

8) What do you consider the weaknesses of the faith formation/youth ministry offerings?

9) Please rank order number your preference for day and time for religion classes (1 is the highest)

_____ Sunday morning _____ early Sunday morning _____ later Sunday morning

_____ Saturday morning _____ Saturday afternoon

_____ Weekday (specify day) _____ _____ After school _____ Early evening

10) Would you be interested in a summer program, (2 weeks of half day classes taught by prepared catechists), as an alternative to weekly religion classes during the school year?

_____ Yes _____ No Grade Levels _____

Suggested dates _____

11) What avenue of communication would best serve your faith formation/youth ministry needs?

_____ twitter

_____ blogs

_____ facebook

_____ email updates

_____ links to other religious sites

_____ other (please specify) _____

12) Other suggestions, comments, concerns, questions do you have at this time?
