



SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH
FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Pre K – Grade 5 / 2017-18

(Please always use Full, Legal names)

Student Name: _____ Gender: ___ DOB: _____
Age: ___ Grade: _____

School Student Attends: _____

Sacraments Received: (Please circle Y or N and provide location and date if applicable)

Baptism Y / N location/date: _____

Reconciliation Y / N location/date: _____

Confirmation Y / N location/date: _____

Eucharist Y / N location/date: _____

Prior Faith Formation Grades Completed: _____ Location: _____

Mother's Name (including Maiden): _____

Father's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone: (H) _____ (Cell) _____

****PLEASE NOTE: Email is our primary method of communication****

Is your family currently registered in the parish? Yes___ No___

Emergency Contact (other than yourself): _____

Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____ Relationship to your child: _____

Are there any medical conditions, allergies or special needs of which we should be aware?

Please indicate the time and location of the Faith Formation class your child will attend:

Sunday, 9:00-10:30 am, St. Matthew's ___ (Mass time 10:30 am)

Sunday, 10:00-11:30 am, St. Mary's ___ (Mass time 8:30 am)

Please return this form to the Parish Office, 207 York Street, Bangor ME 04401

Cost is \$25 per child, maximum. \$50 per family

Office use only: Amount Paid _____ Cash/Ck # _____ Received by _____ Date _____



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MEDIA RELEASE OPT OUT FORM (optional)

In this digital age, the parish takes many pictures of baptisms, special events, activities, youth groups, etc. We use these pictures to record, promote and celebrate the life of our parish.

We understand that some people may choose not to have their photograph used and we want to respect their wishes. Therefore, we have provided an “Opt Out Form” for those individuals or families who may prefer NOT to have photographs of themselves and/or their children published by the parish. Failure to exercise this option releases and discharges St. Paul the Apostle Parish from any and all claims arising out of the use of photographs.

If you have no objection to parish use of your photograph, DO NOT sign this form

For clarity, the term “photograph” as used herein encompasses both still photographs and motion picture footage. The term “publish” refers to publications that include, but are not limited to, the parish weekly bulletin, promotional brochures & posters and the parish website.

To exercise this option, check the box below and provide the information requested.

- I do not give St. Paul the Apostle Parish permission to publish photographs of the adult(s) and/or minor(s) named below in which the adult(s)/minor(s) may be involved with others for the purpose of promoting the life of the parish.

I, _____ am 18 years old or older, and am able to contract for the minor(s) in the above regard. I have read the above statement and fully understand its contents.

Signature

Date

Please list all family members included in the media “Opt Out”: (Please print)

1. Your Name _____
Relationship to Minor (s) _____
2. Name of Minor _____
3. Name of Minor _____
4. Name of Minor _____
5. Name of Minor _____



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CIRCLE OF GRACE

Safe Environment Program – Kindergarten through Grade 8 “Respecting All God’s People”

Dear Parents,

Out of concern for all God’s people and in response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, we have a new program for the safe environment education of children and young people supported and mandated by Bishop Deeley.

“Diocese/Parishes will establish ‘safe environment’ programs. They will cooperate with parents, civil authorities, educators, and community organizations to provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children. Dioceses/Parishes will make clear to clergy and members of the community the standards of conduct for clergy and other persons in positions of trust with regard to sexual abuse.”

-Article 12 – Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

This program is called ***Circle of Grace***. It is meant to supplement and be integrated into the excellent programs and curricula for the formation of children and young people in our schools and religious education programs. ***Circle of Grace*** aims to equip our children and young people by arming them with essential knowledge and skills grounded in the richness of our faith. This program helps children and young people to understand their own (and others’) dignity in mind, body, and spirit.

What is a Circle of Grace?

The Catholic Church teaches that God has created each of us as unique and special. Genesis 1:27 tells us that we are created “male and female in God’s image” and that God saw this as “very good.” In that goodness, we are meant to respect ourselves and everyone else as persons created and loved by God.

Adults assist children and young people to recognize God’s love by helping them to understand that each of us lives and moves in a *Circle of Grace*. You can imagine your own *Circle of Grace* by putting your arms above your head then circle down in front of your body including side to side. This circle, front to back, holds who you are in your body and through your senses. It holds your very essence in mind, heart, soul, and sexuality.

Why is it important to help our children understand the Circle of Grace?

God intends our relationships in life to be experiences of divine love. Respectful, nurturing, loving relationships increase our understanding of our own value and help us to love others. It is never too early to help children and young people understand how very special they are and how relationships in life are called to be sacred. Understanding this can help them to protect the special person they are and to be respectful of others.



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Adults, especially parents, as they strive to provide a safe and protective environment, hold the responsibility to help children and young people understand and respect their own dignity and that of others. A truly safe and protective environment is one where children and young people recognize when they are safe or unsafe and know how to bring their concerns, fears, and uncertainties to the trusted adults in their lives.

How is the Circle of Grace Program different from other protection programs?

According to research, one in four girls and one in seven boys will be sexually abused by age eighteen. Many protection programs focus on “stranger danger”; however, up to ninety percent (90%) of the time the perpetrator of abuse is known to the child or young person such as a relative or family friend. ***Circle of Grace*** goes beyond just protection by helping children and young people understand the sacredness of who they are and how to seek help through their relationships with trusted adults.

Please feel free to contact your Faith Formation Director at the parish office if you have questions or want more information, 217-6740.

Please answer the following and sign:

My child ***will*** attend the “Circle of Grace” Program: _____

My child ***will not*** attend the “Circle of Grace Program: _____
Number of Children Being Opted-Out: _____

Child Name: _____

Child Grade Level: _____

Parent Name: (Please Print) _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Comments/Concerns/Issues:

Thank you & God Bless!