

Dear Network Families,

## **FAITHSEEKERS**

Tentatively, during the weekend of September 30/October 1, we will be launching, what for some may be a new approach to Faith Formation designed to offer something new to reach our youngest disciples in a way that will really hit home. For those in Kindergarten through to Fourth Grade or so, Faith Formation will be happening **during Mass**. At first that may sound impossible, but from a larger perspective, it makes perfect sense

All kids in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade will be invited to leave their parents in the pews for a 30 minute chunk of Mass so they can be **FaithSeekers**. Visiting kids can join in the fun and learning as well. There's room for everyone who would like to come, and, although we need those in the program to register, there is no charge for anyone, including visitors. All are welcome.

After we sing, “Glory, glory to God in the highest,” and open with a prayer, Father or the Deacon will call all the kids forward for a blessing. Then their Catechist will lead them into the meeting space for around a 25 minute kid tailored time with today's Gospel and an interactive activity. For all Grades, these sessions will begin and end with the prayers that are part of our Faith, thereby reinforcing those earliest of prayers. Hopefully, it will leave them wanting more when they return to their parents at the time the Sign of Peace occurs. Every kid in that age bracket is welcome to come to FaithSeekers at every Mass: tourists, visitors, friends from school who slept over...everyone at no charge. And because Bible stories naturally change every week, it never gets stale.

As you can imagine it, this will take a lot of volunteer leaders/catechists to allow us to offer this for kids across this age spectrum, but every volunteer will be well equipped for success in your session (which, remember, only last about 25 minutes, and leaves them wanting more). So if you feel excited about this, please leave your name at Mission Central (if your parish uses that) or give a call to 518-943-3150, or better yet, check out our new Faith Formation Website [hvwwff.org](http://hvwwff.org) about signing up to help us engage our youngest disciples in an awesome faith discovery adventure.