

Hudson Valley Vicariate (West) Faith Formation Program

As fall approaches and we begin to notice the change in our landscapes, you will also see a change in the landscape of our Faith Formation Program. This change is emerging as part of the overall adaptation to our new Network of Parishes made up of the eight parishes of Greene County and Ravena. As our pastor, Father Jay, has been saying, this Network will provide the necessary services for all of our parishioners throughout the county and the town of Ravena, and that of course includes Faith Formation.

Registration is now open for the new Hudson Valley Vicariate (West) Faith Formation Program; Registration Forms are available on line and at the rear of the Church for Kindergarten through 12th Grade. The Faith Formation Program will include programs that will meet the needs of all of the kids and families here and now in our entire Network. We've adjusted the format, especially for our youngest ones, so that it is convenient and comfortable for our families, while at the same time providing our new disciples with the faith and knowledge of what we believe, and what makes being a Catholic so distinctive.

And so we have "reverse engineered" our program to give all of our young people an infusion of:

A personal relationship with Jesus;

Catholic 101;

Skills for how to Pray;

Enough tools to know your way around the Bible;

An understanding and love of the Mass;

A good handle on Church vocabulary;

An ability to name what is right and what is wrong and why;

A strong moral compass;

A strengthened conscience;

A desire to be part of a Catholic Club in college;

A natural gravitation to imagine finding a future spouse who is strong in their faith;

A potential desire to raise a Catholic Family;

An openness to hearing & responding to God's possible call to the vowed and/or clergy;

A respect for legitimate Authority; and so much more.

Don't you agree that reaching these goals is the dream of every Catholic parent, grandparent, mentor, and friend of our youth always and everywhere? Let us begin this journey together. More information will emerge in the weeks to come.