

## SJN Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

SJN partners with parents/guardians and offers two options for the religious education of children who do not attend a Catholic school. Each of these religious education programs includes a family component as it is our parish's goal to foster an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ for all family members while recognizing and empowering parents/guardians to be the "first educators of the faith" for their children.

Please note: All parents must accompany children when participating in family gatherings, worship events and parish service opportunities. Adult Formation events are adult only. Families in sacramental years will have different family requirements based on sacrament preparation requirements. Please note: **Scholarships available for qualifying families. Contact DRE at [prep@sjnparish.org](mailto:prep@sjnparish.org)**

**Summer PREP Camp:** June 27, 28, 29 and 30. 9:00-3:30 PM. Based on Archdiocesan Scope and Sequence guidelines. Taught by certified teachers and experienced catechists. Pandemic Guidelines per Archdiocese of Philadelphia. **Tuition: \$255.00 per child. Students must attend all four days of Summer PREP Camp to fulfill grade requirements. If a student misses one day, they will be automatically enrolled in the Family Faith program. No exceptions. Sacrament preparation is additional and not completed during summer camp.** Over the course of the school year, each summer family is expected to participate in three on site events (excluding Sunday Mass).

**Family Faith:** A "hybrid" program of traditional and home based catechesis. Families will be invited to gather on the Third Sunday of the month for family-based programs to supplement home teaching. **Tuition: \$180.00 first child, \$125.00 for second child and 375.00 for 3 or more.**

**Additional family requirements grade 1-6:** every student in grades 3-6 must attend one Advent or Lenten parish penance service. Every family needs to participate in the Kid Talk Safe Environment program . Parents are also **encouraged** to attend one adult formation event. **All additional activity dates will be published in the PREP calendar which will be released at the end of August 2022.**

**First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion:** These two special sacraments are offered in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. SCJNS students receive instruction during the regular school day. Public school family instruction will be coordinated by PREP. Sacrament preparation is in addition to grade level instruction. Information on instruction, sacrament dates and retreats will be published in the PREP calendar released in late August 2021.

**Confirmation:** The Sacrament of Confirmation is offered to all parish students in grade 7. SCJNS and private Catholic school students receive Confirmation classroom instruction as part of their day school education. Parish students in public school are required to complete instruction with PREP. For the 2023 Confirmation class there are three options: Camp Caritas, PREP Summer Camp and home based instruction using Dynamic Catholic Decision Point. All SJN parish Confirmation candidates will be required to participate in additional activities that may include Youth Mass, Retreat, Service Project, Youth Group Event and Adoration. These Confirmation events will be published in the PREP calendar released in late August 2022.