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Dear St. Owen Faith Formation Family,

Welcome to a new year of Faith Formation at St. Owen Catholic Church! You as parents are the primary educators of your child(ren) in our Catholic Faith. Our Faith Formation program exists to assist you in educating your child(ren) in the Faith. Our program will start on **Monday, October 5th** for Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. All of our sessions will be held on Mondays. If we have enough Catechists to cover every grade, All Grades will meet 6:00-7:15pm. If we do not have Catechists to cover every grade, KG-Grade 5 will meet 5:30-6:45pm and Grade 6-8 will meet 7:00-8:15pm. The Faith Formation General Calendar is also posted on our website.

Please complete this online registration to enroll. Payment may be made online via credit, debit, or ACH. Select the Pay Later option when you reach the payment page if you would prefer to pay by check or cash or cannot pay now due to financial duress. Please complete all required sections of the online registration form, including the **Media Release** and **Emergency Contact** sections. The Emergency Contact section is required for each child enrolled. **Online registration is due by Monday, September 7, 2026.** After September 7, a \$15 late fee will be added to registrations. To register your child for Sacrament Preparation for First Eucharist or Confirmation, select the appropriate payment option and submit your child's Baptismal Certificate to the parish office ASAP (No need if your child was baptized here at St. Owen).

New for 2026-27: Our theme this year is **The Eucharist, Source & Summit of Christian Life**. Building on last year's Teaching Mass and Mass Revealed series, this year we will focus a few minutes of each lesson in all grades on the Eucharist. *Little Books on the Eucharist* will be provided to all families and children. To provide **parents** an opportunity to Rest in Christ, we will be holding **Eucharistic Adoration** during Faith Formation class sessions. This is intended as a time for parents to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to pray for your child(ren) and take a break from all the busyness, anxiety, and commotion of everyday life while your child(ren) attend(s) Faith Formation.

We ask that parents attend the Parent Meeting during the first class on October 5 where we will discuss the Faith Formation policies, special programs, and introduce Eucharistic Adoration. We are introducing new workbooks with a more interactive curriculum for Grades 3-6 and Kindergarten. All Middle Schoolers in Grades 6-8 will attend the Anchor Middle School Youth Conference in Novi on Saturday, March 13, 2027 and the cost of this special event is partially covered by this year's Grade 6-8 registration fee.

Parental support is essential to our program! We are blessed with the return of many talented catechists; however, **we do need catechists, and parents often make the best catechists**. It appears we especially need Catechists for Grades 1, 6, and 8 this year. If you can be available once a month on average, we also need parent volunteers as **hall monitors & substitute catechists**. Hall Monitors assist by greeting parents & children and providing extra security during class sessions. All catechists are provided with all lesson plans, materials, and assistance in advance. The tuition fee will be waived for one child for volunteer catechists, and one child will receive a discounted rate if a parent volunteers once a month as a Hall Monitor or Substitute Catechist.

Questions or concerns? Please contact me via email or text/call. May God bless all our St. Owen families!

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