

SAINT AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Commission on Education Report

June 25, 2026 Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting

Submitted by: Noel Panelo

1. Faith Formation Program / Religious Education (CCD and Confirmation)

- **March 5 to 7, 2026:** Our 2nd-year Confirmation students attended their weekend retreat at YMCA Camp Jones Gulch in La Honda. Fr. Ifeanyi, who stayed with the students and youth leaders during the first part of the retreat, celebrated the Retreat Mass. Many thanks to our Youth Ministry leaders for effectively guiding and meaningfully facilitating the activities, and to our adult chaperones for accompanying the retreatants.
- **March 18, 2026:** Parents and guardians attended their fourth and final Ongoing Adult Faith Formation session, continuing with the *Alpha for Catholics* series.
- **March 21, 2026:** Our 2nd year Confirmation students participated in the Rite of Affirmation at the 12:30 PM Mass.
- **April 25, 2026:** Forty two (42) second year and special education students from our parish received their Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco.
- **May 7, 2026:** Several of our catechists and youth leaders were honored for their years of dedicated service during the Pope Pius X Awards Ceremony at St. Anne of the Sunset Church in San Francisco.
 - Photos from the event can be viewed at the link below:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gV0nIXA3xhOQ4eh7UlKP-d2aadiOpzPK/view>
 - Read the related Catholic San Francisco article here:
<https://sfarch.org/youth-leaders-among-catechists-honored-at-annual-st-pius-x-dinner/>
- **May 10, 2026:** Seventy nine (79) CCD students who completed their sacramental preparation received their First Holy Communion.
- **May 16, 2026:** Faith Formation Program students, families, and catechists participated in the Living Rosary, Floral Offering, and Mass honoring our Blessed Virgin Mary.
- **May 23, 2026 (Thanksgiving Mass):** In keeping with tradition, the Faith Formation Program concluded the 2025-2026 catechetical school year with a Thanksgiving Mass.
- **May 23, 2026 (Year-End Celebration):** Immediately following the Thanksgiving Mass, the catechists, dressed in Hawaiian-themed attire, gathered to celebrate the successful completion of another catechetical school year.
- **May 23, 2026 (Fond Farewell):** During their year-end celebration, Sister Ruth and the catechists offered special appreciation to Audrey and Aldercy. Audrey, one of our special education

catechists, is relocating to Japan for work. Aldercy, one of our 3rd grade CCD catechists, is moving to Texas.

- **June 1, 2026:** Registration for catechetical school year 2026-2027 officially opened.

2. Small Christian Communities (SCC)

- The various groups continue their weekly meetings using a lectionary-based program.

3. Pre-baptismal Catechesis: We welcomed to the Catholic faith the following:

- **April 11, 2026:** Jhoziah Navarro-Fong, Nathaniel Tan, Avelina Jean Duarte, Kairan Ezra Gabbac, Ethan Jerrick Paragas, Amari Cooper, Skylar Rose Tong, Edison Ang
- **April 25, 2026:** Cassandra Wren Santillan, Araiya Celine Rodriguez, Riley Ginete, Kyler Dela Cruz, Veniale Mase Tagaloa, Celine Go, Markus De Leon
- **May 9, 2026:** Aleia Almeida, Karolena Ng, Hailey Rae Dela Rosa, Eleanor Rae Hostelter, Jacob Gabriel Dacleson, Alexander Mamaril Jr.
- **May 17, 2026:** Arthur Arzel David, Angel Emiline Manansala
- **May 23, 2026:** Gabriel Belen, Ean Ramon Navarro, Kailani Jae Chupo, Julius Briosos, Shamela Reyes, Arlo Mikael Guarina
- **June 6, 2026:** Ethan Joseph Rodriguez
- **June 7, 2026:** Jace Castillo, Kade Kaleomana Gonzales
- **June 13, 2026:** Kiahlyn De Guzman, Laurence Agbulos Jr., Ezxio Thaddius Sarmiento

4. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Marriage Preparation

- Please refer to the report provided by Deacon Nestor L. Fernandez, II.

List of Students Who Received Their Sacrament of Confirmation:

Xavier Aguilar	Charlotte Dawn Lazaro
Erica Arroyo	Ocean Libiran
Alfred Balubata	Myla Summer Livelo
Brooklyn Gene Barairo	Jhian Wright Mumar
Keoni Benitez	Elyanna Jane Palomo
Alfred Jacob Bumagat	Ray Pascual
Maya Isabel Caas	Isabella Ramos
Carissa Caparas	Josh Redo
Gian Tristan Castro	Jayden Reinares
Katnis Cae Coronado	Stanford Joaquin Rivera
Reese Andrea De Guia	Amber Jade Santiago
Juelles Dispo	Joshua Sabillo
Rafael Louie Obis Espino	Lindsay Soledad
Elaina Miranda Estrada	Julia Ballesteros Tambot
Xzheina Evangelista	Racheal Ana Torres
Liam Reeve D. Fernandez	Aleck Trinidad
Bradley Galang	Malia Valdez
Irelyn Garcia	Jacob Valeros
Isaac Hyunh-Zapanta	Nathan Joel Valeros
Dominic Junio	Vince Joel Valeros
Lianne Kater	Kaylin Wilmes

Pope Pius X Awardees:

Jennifer Gong, 5 years
Corvin Macapinlac, 5 years
Maryknoll Valdez, 5 years
Ronnie Valdez, 5 years
Nelly Panelo Manuel, 10 years
Lourdes Quevedo, 10 years
Cecilia Padua, 25 years
Gabe Castro, Youth Leader
Lucas Libiran, Youth Leader

List of Students Who Received Their First Communion:

GR 2 - FRANCES SANTA MARIA AFUANG

Añonuevo, Aria Rayne
Castro, Tayden
Chang, Dominic Mason
Natividad, Aiden James
Manuel, Emery Celine
Palomo, Lorian
Salvador, Audrey
Tanuwidjaja, Finley Joe
Tioseco, Sophia Grayce

GR 2 - NERISSA BROAS & SEAN BERBER

Baquiran, Elias
Catiis, Jesse Kyle
Co, Leila
Klein, Penelope
Lee, Jarvis Lew Honciano
Mallari, Rom Louie
Manela, Madison Olivia
Mulingtapang, Kaia Divine
Rodriguez, Stephen Joseph
Samaniego, Meghan Kate

GR 2 - SHIONY MENDOZA & ROWEENA CASTELLO

Alota, Jennalyn Charlene
Dela Rosa, Cassiel Jewel
De los Santos, King Nazarene
Mier, Kiera Louise
Mendieta, Marina
Sunga, Jacelyn Eliza

GR 2 – ANNEMARIE CRUZ

De Guzman, Ekaya
Gallagher, Kian William
Gomez, Elyse Ann
Hernandez, Sophia Isabel
Lukman, Tatiana Lupe
Mallari, Riley
Moreno, Bastien
Ramos, Ava
Reinares, Cailey Josephine
Sunga, Venice Nicole

AA2 - KHAY ACOSTA & DEO ACOSTA

Alcantara, Alliyah Chloe
Alipio, Francis Angelo
Andaya, Isaiah Allan
Bautista, Bhryson
Chavez, Aiden Santi
De Jesus, Jan Matthew
Li, Charles
Manalo, Emma Avery
Tandoc, Mia Camille
Trinidad, Rafa Isabela

AA2 - CECILLE PADUA & VICKY NUÑEZ

Aguila, Ava
Aguila, Jonathan Jr
Alcantara, Ariane Ysabelle
Brown, Kaiden Luis
Coto, Ethan Jeshua
De Guzman, Abayan
Mallari, Marian
Norlander, Grant
Pardilla, Elizah Grace
Reyes, Thea Marie

SPED FHC - AUDREY ANN BAYOGOS & JACKIE CRAWFORD

Amasa, Mateo
Baris, Gabriel
Culter, Alexander
Delos, Santos Prince Nino Jr
Gumpal, Rylin Madison
Lai, Olivia
Loza, Axel Jose
Loza, Alan Jose
Torres, Isaiah Mateo

AA6 FHC - ANNEMARIE CRUZ

Alonso, Bailey Josephine
Biado, Mia
De Mesa, Mateo
Der, Nathan
Guzman, Rion Stephen

AA6 FHC - LINDA GAMBOA

Baris, Isabella

Crisologo, Jon Patric

Crisologo, Jillian Nicocle

Fermin, Meiley Katelyn

Mallari, Lexine Jaiden

Miranda, Joshua

Miranda, Jasmine

Tordoya, Charlize Briana

Tordoya, Nicole Eviana

Farewell Letter from Audrey Ann Bobis-Bayogos:

Dear Sr. Ruth and the Faith Formation Family,

The St. Augustine Faith Formation Program has been a vital part of my life ever since I first arrived in the United States. Starting as a volunteer assistant in the SpEd program and eventually becoming a catechist, my weekends have been dedicated to serving, teaching, and helping our neurodiverse children embrace the Catholic faith and receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Time flies so fast—it has already been eight years! During this time, so many neurodiverse students have been nurtured in their faith through our program. I cannot thank you enough for your unwavering support in making this inclusion possible.

I also want to express my deepest gratitude for all the prayers you offered during my difficult time at the US Embassy in the Philippines. After seven long months of serving as an online FHC catechist, I was finally granted a work visa again. Your support, care, love, and acceptance are the reasons why our CCD SpEd Program has become well-known across different parishes in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Now, a new chapter begins. It is with a heavy heart that I must take a three-year leave of absence, as I have accepted a new position in Japan. It was a difficult decision, but I know God led the way to help me fulfill the home residency rule for my visa requirements.

I will carry the lessons I learned here wherever I go. In Japan, I plan to find a church where I can volunteer and continue to deepen my faith—and if I can start a SpEd program there, it will be a wonderful bonus!

I will miss all of you dearly. I pray that God continues to bless each of you and that our program reaches even more families. Thank you again for everything.

Blessings to you all,
Audrey Ann Bobis-Bayogos

SAYG and YA report June 2026

June

- **Graduation Mass** for the Class of 2026 was celebrated on May 31st at 12:30pm. Elementary, middle school, high school, and college degree achievements and promotions are celebrated for this mass. **Roughly 24 graduates** attended this celebration.
 - Graduation marks the beautiful culmination of years of hard work, perseverance, growth, and faith. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the families and friends whose unwavering support made their journey possible. Father Ray blessed our graduates as they prepare for their next steps. The parish gifted each graduate a bracelet featuring the Tau cross. Father Ray explained that the Tau was a deeply sacred symbol for St. Francis of Assisi; even his simple sackcloth tunic was intentionally cut in its shape to mirror Christ's love. This gift serves as a reminder that they graduated during this historic Jubilee Year of St. Francis. Deacon Chris Mariano also beautifully reminded us of the inspiring words of Pope Francis: "The youth are not the future, but the now." These powerful words call us to embrace the vital role our young graduates play in our Church today -- leading the way right now. Congratulations, Graduates! May God abundantly bless your journey ahead.



- **The Summer Service and Leadership Team** is in the process of starting and expected to have their first meeting in the last week of June.
 - The Summer SALT team are planning to work on SAYG meetings, socials, fundraisers throughout the duration of Summer.
- **The 1st and 2nd year Retreat Teams** are also in the process of starting soon as well.
 - As we look into these new teams, we hope to evaluate and continue to improve our ministry through the years. We wish our best for those graduates leaving our teams and welcome the newly confirmed and returning leaders.
- **Vespers (Evening Prayer):** To ensure consistency and leadership, the working group has established a weekly schedule. We warmly invite anyone interested in leading evening prayer to participate.
 - The current cadence is as follows:
 - **Monday:** Jeremiah, **Tuesday:** Marijoy, **Wednesday:** Jennie or Erlan (Backup: Jeremiah), **Thursday:** Joey (Backup: Jeremiah or Marijoy), **Friday:** Justin
 - Prayer leaders have also enhanced the liturgy by incorporating prescribed opening chanting on Solemnities and required Memorials; on all other days, a hymn is sung to begin evening prayer.
 - We are joyful to report just this past week, we welcomed parishioners from neighboring churches who joined us for evening prayer.
 - The Vespers Working Group extends its sincere gratitude to the clergy, the Worship Ministry, and the Communications Ministry for their ongoing support and endorsement of this 15 minutes of holy time.
- The Monthly Youth and Young Adult Holy Hour will be held on **June 17th**, celebrated by **Deacon Nestor L. Fernandez II**.

Upcoming

- Ecology Committee will host Donut Sunday on July 19th after the 9am mass.
- SALT will host Donut Sunday on July 26th after 9am mass.
- Onfire NorCal for Young People is scheduled on September 12th 2026 at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom.