



OLG HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION 2-YEAR PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The high school sacramental preparation process is two years.
Key dates and deadlines are on the next page.



Yearly Program Requirements

SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE Sunday Mass attendance is not simply an obligation, but an opportunity to participate in the Lord's greatest gift to man - The Holy Eucharist!	TEEN SESSIONS Catechetical sessions about our Catholic faith.	YOUTH NIGHTS Large group gatherings to grow in fellowship and friendship.	CLASS HOMEWORK Specific homework and projects related to your group to nurture a personal relationship with Christ.
PARENT SESSIONS Parents are the primary formators of their children. These sessions will delve into topics your teens will hear throughout the year.	TEEN & SPONSOR SESSIONS The responsibility of the sponsor, with the parents, is to be a model of Christian virtue and to accompany the teen in their Christian life.	10 SERVICE HOURS Opportunities for service hours at OLG can include: Guadalupe's Roasts & Toasts, Family Adoration Nights, Christmas Mercado, Holy Week activities, and more.	OVERNIGHT WEEKEND RETREAT *Year 2 Only. Mandatory, no exceptions made. A great opportunity to unplug, be with the Lord, and meet new friends!

Registration Process

Step 1: Submit inquiry form

This is the first touch point for high schoolers inquiring about the sacraments. Submission of this form is required for both those entering the first year of preparation and those entering the second year of preparation. *Submission of this form is not registration, rather it is the first step in discerning readiness for sacramental preparation.

Step 2: Attend Family Meeting in July (both parents and teen)

These meetings give our team the opportunity to get to know the needs of each family and teen prior to registering for sacramental preparation. *Registration cannot be completed until the family meeting has been attended. First-year families must bring their teen's Baptism and First Holy Communion certificates to the meeting.

Step 3: Complete Online Registration

After completing the family meeting, families will receive information regarding online registration. *Teens who have not yet received Baptism and/or First Holy Communion may have different program requirements. Any additional requirements and timelines will be discussed during the family meeting.

Absence/ Make-Up Policy

- * Excused absences are absences due to a sudden emergency (i.e. illness, family emergency)
- * All unexcused absences must be made-up
- * Credit for the program year may not be awarded if this policy is not followed

Sacrament Information

The Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation) together fully initiate us into the Catholic Church. At Baptism we receive the Holy Spirit and are made a child of God, our First Holy Communion was the first time we received Jesus, Body and Blood, in the form of bread and wine, and at Confirmation the gifts of the Holy Spirit are strengthened in us. This equipping helps us to live out the call of every Catholic which is to be a witness and model in the world to the unending love of Christ.

Teen Expectations

- **All teens are required to download GroupMe. This is our primary form of communication with teens.**
- **Use of phones during sessions/youth nights is not allowed, unless instructed. Phones will be confiscated.**
- Approach faith formation with an open mind and an open heart.
- Attend all sessions, youth nights, and gatherings.
- Attend Mass on Sundays and on all holy days of obligation.
- Accept responsibility in your family, parish, and community by putting your talents and gifts at the service of others.
- Commit to regular prayer.
- Year 2 Teen Interviews in May.
- Respect your leaders & peers.
- Treat the classroom space and any materials we use with care.
- Be on time so that we can start and finish on time.

Dress Code Policy

The Church is a sacred space where we are in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist. Clothing with inappropriate images are not permitted. Teens dressed inappropriately will be sent home.

- Women - Shoulders covered, neckline modest, skirt/dress at or below the knee. No strapless, backless, low-cut, or excessively tight clothing. Midriff must be covered (no crop tops or cutouts)
- Men - Pants and shorts must be on waist. No tank tops.

Parent Expectations

"Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children." (CCC). As parents, you have the primary role in the sacramental preparation process for your child. Your attendance at required events and Sunday Mass is important. In addition, your example, witness, and prayers, especially at home, make a difference in your child's journey towards receiving the sacraments. The primary form of communication with parents is through email.

Sponsor Expectations

A sponsor's role is to support you in your faith and serve as a lifelong Catholic witness. As the Church teaches, a sponsor helps ensure that the confirmed person "behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament." Choose someone who faithfully lives the Catholic faith, inspires you to grow closer to Christ, and is willing to accompany you on your journey. Your sponsor must be a practicing Catholic, be at least 16 years old, have received the Sacraments of Initiation, and not be your parent.

KEY DATES

Teen Key Dates

November 22 - Saint Submission Deadline (Year 2)

December 1- Sponsor Form Deadline (Year 1&2)

Christmas Break - Recite Prayers (Year 2)

January 14 - Saint Submission Deadline (Year 1)

January 31 - Recite Prayers (Year 1)

February 5 - Letter to the Bishop Deadline (Year 2)

April/May - Year 2 Interviews

May 2027 TBD - Confirmation Rehearsal & Mass

Parent Key Dates

Parents Only (English 6:00pm, Spanish 7:15pm)
Thur, Sep 3, Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 1

Sponsor Key Dates

Sponsor and Teen (English 6:00pm, Spanish 7:15pm)
Thur, Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28, Wed, Feb 3