

## **Ave Maria Faith Formation 2024-2025**

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**Registration July 1st-September 15<sup>th</sup>**

**(Session start dates vary see below)**

*Registration for the 2024-2025 Ave Maria Faith Formation programs is now open!*

You may register for all programs:

- Follow QR Code (**Ave Maria Faith Formation Registration forms**)
- Ave Maria Parish Office (**5078 Pope John Paul II Blvd. Ste #107; M-F, 9-5**)
- Registration display in Ave Maria Church narthex
- **REGISTRATION FORMS** (avemariaparish.org)



### **Ave Maria Faith Formation Programs**

**\$70.00 per child/Family max \$160.00**

- **Children's Eucharistic Adoration**-Jean Prather of *CatholicKids101.com*, leads children of all ages in reflection, stories, prayers, and the rosary. **Everyone is welcome!** (No registration needed)  
*Adoration sessions start Monday, August 19, 2024, from 6:30-7:30 pm in the church.*
- **St. Margaret Castello Ministry**-Faith Formation for persons with disabilities and their families. Sacramental preparation included as needed.  
*Starting Sunday, September 8, 2024, from 11:15 am-12:15pm in Donahue Academy*
- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)**-Kindergarten/First Grade (1<sup>st</sup> year First Communion Preparation). CGS uses Montessori teaching principles to present the most essential realities of the Catholic faith to even very young children. Specially designed materials and inspiring presentations help children explore areas of faith formation appropriate to their development.  
*Starting Sunday, September 8, 2024, from 11:15 am -12:15 pm*
- **First Communion Preparation-2<sup>nd</sup> year (registration needed for ALL 2<sup>nd</sup> year First Communion students)** *The core of this communion preparation program is the Catholic Children's Bible.* The students will explore the sacraments through the biblical lens of Jesus' life and works and learn more about their faith in language they can understand. The students will experience two retreats with a parent-Peace & Forgiveness Day (Reconciliation) in the fall and Jesus Day (Eucharist) in the spring.
  - *Sunday, September 8, 2024, from 11:15 am -12:15 pm in Donahue Academy (public, homeschool, non 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Donahue students)*
  - *Monday, September 9, 2024 (2<sup>nd</sup> grade Donahue students)*
- **Word of Life** (Augustine Institute): Continuing catechesis for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders who have received their first sacraments (baptism, confession, communion). Word of Life brings together faith and reason and demonstrates how the truths of the faith speak to the human heart. This catechesis centers on an initial proclamation of the kerygma.  
*Starting Sunday, September 8, 2024, from 11:15am-12:15pm at Donahue Academy*
- **Junior Legion of Mary**: The Junior Legion of Mary is spiritual development for students under 18 yrs old. The Junior Legion of Mary develops love of the Holy Spirit, love of the Church, and love of Mary. (No registration needed)  
*Every Saturday, 10:00 am at the Parish Hall*

### **O CIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults- previously RCIA)**

is a process developed by the Church for prospective converts to the Catholic faith above the age of infant baptism. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. The basic process applies to adults and children who have reached catechetical age.

- **O CIA (RCIA) for Adults:** These sessions are designed to learn about the Catholic faith, learn about what the Catholic Church teaches, and to assist in developing a relationship with Jesus Christ. *The classes are also open to adult Catholics that want to deepen their faith.*  
**Starting Wednesday, September 11, 2024, from 6:30-8:00 pm at Donahue Academy**
- **Adult Confirmation** (included in O CIA): Adults that have received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist and need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation.  
**Starting Wednesday, September 11, 2024, from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Donahue Academy Library.**
- **O CIA (RCIC) for Youth:**
  - **3rd-5th grades** “*Bridges to Faith*” catechesis is centered on the four pillars of the Catechism along with the Catholic Children’s Bible. These resources fill in faith formation gaps for students preparing to receive sacraments.
  - **6th-9th grades** “*Called to Be Catholic*” comprehensive introductions to the essentials and key teaching of the four pillars of the Catholic Faith along with the “*Break Through Bible for Young Catholics*”. These resources fill in faith formation gaps for young people ages 12 to 15 preparing to receive sacraments.  
**Starting Sunday, September 8, 2024, from 11:15 am -12:15 pm in Donahue Academy**
- **Confirmation Preparation:** Confirmation is a two-year preparation process (9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grades). In year one, most of the preparation is participating in Youth Ministry on Sunday evening, Adoration, and Confession. In year two, everything above in addition to formal preparation classes during the week, patron saint report, sponsor interview, and all completed Confirmation paperwork (application, baptismal certificate, proof of first communion and completed/sealed sponsor form).  
**Starting Wednesday, October 16th, 2024, from 6:30-8:00 pm at Donahue Academy**
- **Youth Ministry DTS (Dead Theologians Society):** The Dead Theologians Society is a Catholic apostolate for junior high and high school age teens. Through the saints of yesterday, the Dead Theologians Society inspires the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow. DTS is also an integral part of the two-year Confirmation program.  
**Starting Sunday, September 8, 2024, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall**
- **Adult Formation:** This fall Ave Maria Adult Formation will explore the Divine Comedy.  
**Starting Friday, September 6, 2024, from 9:30-11:30 am in the Parish Hall**
- **Totus Tuus Summer Program:** A summer program for 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. The camp will be held in June 2025 (date to be announced).

**“Christ has no body but yours, no hands but yours, no feet on earth but  
YOURS....”**

**-St. Teresa of Avila**