



Dear Families,

May 1, 2017

We are so excited to have you and your children and teens here at church. What a wise choice you are making to care for the whole child: bio, psycho, social and spiritual. Our kids today need a well-balanced routine that includes fun and friends at church.

Enclosed is everything needed to enroll your child or teen age preschool through high school.

Please return to the office by **July 1:**

1. Registration Form Note: Please indicate your preferred choices for session day and time, for pre-school through grade 5 only.
2. Permission Form.
3. Medical Release Form
4. Volunteer Form A commitment for parent participation is expected. No experience necessary. We need everyone's gifts! Jump in, introduce yourself and have fun.
5. Please provide a copy of Baptism Certificates for all children/teens in all programs, unless you are sure we have one on file already.
6. A non-refundable \$25.00 fee for each child/teen is the minimum due with registration. This amount **is applied** toward the total fee. To help us avoid invoicing costs, you may pay the whole fee today. Please make checks to Padre Serra Parish. To pay via debit or credit card, complete the payment info on the Schedule of Sessions and Fees enclosed.

As completed packets are received in the parish office they are stamped with an official priority number. That number drives group placement until groups are full. So please return your information as soon as possible for best selection.

Sessions begin the week of September 24.

Parent Meetings for Grade 1 through High School are September 18 **or** 19 at 6:30pm in the Serra Center. Little Church will have a special daytime parent meeting on September 10.

That's it! You will hear from us via email in the fall. Let us know how we can serve you. Please contact Christine Olsen at 482-6417 x 349 or Christine@padreserra.org or me at Tere@padreserra.org.

We look forward to serving you and your family and watching all our children grow in faith.

Thank you and God Bless,

Tere Delgado
Faith Formation Minister

Faith Formation for Children and Teens at Padre Serra!

Live a Life of Faith, Understanding and Love

Every year we have about 600 children and teens enrolled in Faith Formation. Kids come to church after school to make friends, have fun and learn about our Catholic faith. This is not just sacrament preparation; it is for every year from age 3 through high school. Church is fun and amazing the more we learn about Jesus!

Little Church

For children age 3 through kindergarten, during Sunday mass at 9:00am and 11:00am. Children enrolled in Little Church gather to make friends and learn about God and our Catholic faith in a preschool style environment through stories, prayer, songs, crafts and snacks. This is a co-op style ministry; parents help about four times a year. This 'helping' is a beautiful opportunity to meet other parents and your child's friends.

Spark! - For children in grades 1 through 5 where 'sparks' of faith turn into hearts on fire for Jesus! Lessons are written and prepared by our wonderful Faith Formation Coordinators, sessions are taught by parent volunteers. We provide training and mentoring to ensure you are comfortable and everyone is enriched and having a good time.

Spark! - Grades 1 and 2

Children in grades 1 and 2 meet in small groups of 10 children, 2 adults and a teenager about 3 times a month to learn about and grow in their relationship with Jesus and their understanding of our faith traditions, prayers and practices through games, crafts and hands-on lessons. Family events are built in to the curriculum too!

Spark! - Grades 3, 4 and 5

Third, fourth and fifth graders meet in small groups of 12 children, 2 adults and a teenager about three times a month to learn about our Catholic faith in a way that fosters fun, fellowship and discipleship with a focus on service to the poor and the meaning of the gospel message in their daily lives. Grade 5 studies the bible. Family events are built in to the curriculum too!

Three:Sixteen

These kids, grades 6, 7 and 8, have a blast reading scripture, playing, praying and being crazy. They have an equal focus on bible study and building community with one another. The name is from the gospel of John 3:16! Three:Sixteen is completely run by our team with a couple of parents by our side.

4:12

High school teens meet weekly to make connections, share their insights and concerns, and grow in faith. They gather with young adult small group leaders and our Youth Minister. The name is from the first book of Timothy.

First Reconciliation and First Communion

After a minimum of two consecutive years of the whole family participating in Faith Formation, children in grades 1 through 8 who are ready to receive their First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion, attend 2 half-day retreats with their parents to prepare for these holy sacraments.

Youth Confirmation

This two-year process for high school teens includes Sunday sessions, hands-on ministry, large and small group faith sharing, community events, retreats and service experiences that all culminate in receiving the sacrament.

REGISTRATION

Registration packets are available in the parish office and on our webpage: www.padreserra.org, go to I Want to Learn, please print them and turn them in now. Special \$20 discount if received before July 1.

Questions: Contact TereDelgado@padreserra.org or 482-6417 x347.

**Padre Serra Parish Faith Formation
2017/2018 Registration Form**

Child/Teen Name: _____ **DOB:** _____ **Grade fall 2017:** _____

Home Address of Child/Teen: _____
Street Address, City, State, Zip Code

Home Phone: _____ **School:** _____
(Name of school student will be attending in 2016/17 school year)

Adult E-Mail Address: _____
(please provide the **best parent e-mail** for communicating important, timely information)

My family is registered at Padre Serra Parish:

Yes Not yet, please send form No, we are registered at: _____

Sacraments Already Received and Where:

Please check boxes for sacraments **ALREADY** received and write in the **church name** and **city/state**.

Baptism Church: _____ City: _____

First Reconciliation Church: _____ City: _____

First Communion Church: _____ City: _____

Confirmation Church: _____ City: _____

Child/Teen Lives With:

Mom Name: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Email:** _____

Full-time Part-time Mom is Catholic Other: _____

Dad Name: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Email:** _____

Full-time Part-time Dad is Catholic Other: _____

My child was enrolled at Padre Serra last year: Yes No Elsewhere: _____

Please enroll my child in: _____

(For children in Pre-school through Grade 5 only – please indicate day and time from 'Schedule of Sessions' page)

Choice 1 _____ Choice 2 _____

Please check all that apply.

I will be responsible for dropping off and picking up my child/teen up from Faith Formation.

My child/teen may be dropped off/picked up by the following people. List teen if they drive.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

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Schedule of Sessions and Fees

\$25 minimum due with registration packets

To help us avoid invoicing costs, you may pay the whole amount today. Thank you!

Program/Day/Time	Fee * Before 7/1	Fee * After 7/1	Payment Info
Pre-School, Pre-K and Kindergarten			Please make checks payable to Padre Serra Parish Check Number: _____ Amount \$ _____
Stay and Play – Sundays 9:00 or 11:00 (toddlers about 12 months or walking to 36 months)	\$0	\$0	
Little Church – (3 years old through kindergarten) Sundays 9:00am or 11:00am	\$50	\$50	
Children in Grades 1 through 5			Debit or Credit Card ____ Master Card ____ VISA ____ American Express Card #: _____ Three-digit Security Code: ____ Expiration Date: _____ Zip Code: _____ Amount \$ _____ Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____ Phone: _____
Spark! (4 choices offered) Mondays: 3:30-4:45 or 5:15-6:30 Wednesdays: 3:30-4:45 or 5:15-6:30	\$100	\$120	
First Reconciliation and First Communion-additional fee in Sacrament Year (sacrament may be received after minimum two consecutive years of preparation)†	\$25	\$45	
Middle School – Grades 6 through 8			
Three:Sixteen Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm Break Through Bible (if needed)	\$50	\$70	
Break Through Bible (if needed)	\$20	\$20	
First Reconciliation and First Communion-additional fee in Sacrament Year (sacraments may be received after minimum two consecutive years of preparation)†	\$25	\$45	
High School Teens			
Youth Ministry: 4:12 Wednesdays 7:00-9:00pm	\$25	\$25	
Youth Confirmation Year 1† Sundays 11:00-2:00pm (fall semester)	\$100	\$120	
Youth Confirmation Year 2† Sundays 11:00-2:00pm (spring semester) Note: Additional fee for three-day retreat, off-site, TBD	\$125	\$145	
Peer Leader – (must be Confirmed) Youth Ministry, Confirmation, etc.	\$25	\$25	

*Included in all fees above is the non-refundable \$25 fee that is the minimum due with registration

† Please provide a copy of child/teen's Baptism Certificate

Faith Formation Volunteer Form

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much—Helen Keller

All parents must help with sessions a few times a year, bring your calendar to parent meeting to sign up. Little Church 4 times. Spark! 2 times. Three:Sixteen 3 times. Confirmation 2 times. 😊

Your Name: _____ Cell Phone # _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

E-mail: _____ Child(s) Grade: _____

Other great ways to help!! Sign-up today for these great roles, projects and tasks!

1. Sunday Ministry: Little Church Liturgy of the Word Stay and Play at 9am 11am

2. Spark!, Children's Formation: Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5

Co-Leader (circle one) Mondays or Wednesdays

Substitute (on-call job) Mondays or Wednesdays

Assist in Center Center Parent (aka team mom/dad)

3. Middle School: Volunteer Coordinator Co-Leader small groups Grade 6 Parent Friend

Grade 7 Parent Friend Grade 8 Parent Friend Events Help

4. Confirmation: Parents help 2 times a year to prepare, serve and clean-up lunch. Additional help is needed to Help plan lunches Assist with events Assist in office

5. Other ways to help out: Behind the scenes administrative support with Tere (really fun!!)

Photographer Crafts Prep Writing Graphic Design Phone Coordinator

6. Faith Formation Events (help with hospitality, set-up, clean up, etc.):

Fall Event Family Dinner/Reconciliation Service Interactive Stations Event

Summer Camp Dinner Meetings First Communion Retreats

7. About Me:

I love to help with: Skits Music Photography Other _____

I have experience with _____

I love to _____

I really want to help with _____

Other _____

I have been VIRTUS Trained _____
(Month/Year)

I have been fingerprinted _____
(Month/Year)

Padre Serra Parish Faith Formation Permission Form

I, _____ parent/legal guardian of _____, give permission for him/her to participate in all formation activities from July 2017 through June 2018, either on-site at 5205 Upland Road, Camarillo, CA or any off-site location that may be scheduled for related activities.

- My child/teen may travel to such location(s) via commercial transportation, or parent drivers. I understand that I will be notified of the dates and times of any off-site trips prior to the activity.
- The above named child/teen is in good health and is physically able to participate in all formation activities unless otherwise noted on the Medical Form.
- I give permission for my child/teen to be photographed during regular activities, and that these photos may be used in print material and/or on our parish website. I understand that photos of under age persons will not include their names.
- I understand that I am responsible for reading and agreeing to follow the procedures in the Padre Serra Parish Faith Formation parent hand-out, Policy Matters, discussed at the parent meeting in September. I understand it is my responsibility to review the information with my child/teen.

The undersigned hereby agrees to release Padre Serra Parish, agents, and staff of any and all liability, responsibility and damages whatsoever associated with any injury sustained during formation activities. All information on this form is confidential and used only as needed.

Print Parent Name	Phone #(s) where I can be contacted during Faith Formation gatherings
Parent Signature	Date

For Office Use

Date Rec'd _____	Cash Receipt # _____	Amt. \$ _____
Rec'd By _____	Debit or Credit: Visa MC AMEX	Amt. \$ _____
Priority # _____	Check # _____	Amt. \$ _____

**Padre Serra Parish Faith Formation
Medical Release Form**

Child/teen Name: _____

Please list any illnesses and/or injuries in the past year: _____

Please list special needs of child/teen, i.e. allergies, disabilities etc: _____

Is this child/teen currently being treated by a physician for any of the above no yes, explain

Does child/teen have an IEP? no yes, for _____

List current medication(s) and purpose: _____

Name of child/teen's physician: _____ Phone #: _____

In the event of a medical emergency during a Faith Formation gathering, I can be reached at the following phone number(s) _____. Should you not be able to contact me at this number(s), I hereby give the staff of Padre Serra Parish Faith Formation permission to authorize ambulance transportation, medical treatment and/or hospital care for my child/teen.

In the event of an emergency when a parent cannot be reached please call:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

(Please print CLEARLY)

Signature: _____ Date _____