



**St. Agnes, St. Paul of the Cross & St. Rose  
Faith Formation  
108 Prospect Street  
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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Why do we study our faith? As Catholic Christians, we are called by our baptism to be disciples of Jesus. Jesus brings people into communion with God. "Catechesis is an education in the faith of children, young people, and adults which include especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life."-Catechism of the Catholic Church #5. It is more than learning knowledge. Faith Formation is part of a life-long process of learning *and* living our faith. There are several objectives of catechesis which I will outline only briefly: promote knowledge of the faith (Scripture and the Church teachings found in our Tradition), knowledge of Liturgy and the Sacraments, moral formation in Jesus Christ, teaches the Christian how to pray with Christ, and prepares the Christian to live in community and to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church.

We are thankful for the opportunity to support your role as parents – the primary educators of your children in faith. The Faith Formation Office is here to support parents in that role. For children attending public school – our **SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION K-5<sup>th</sup> grade** will meet (late Sept-May) from **9:15 AM until 10:15 AM in the St. Agnes School buildings AND at St. Rose –Brendan Hall from 10:00AM-11:00AM. Families from our cluster parishes may register for either option. New this year Jr. High Youth in grades 6-8** will be gathering at St. Paul of the Cross on **Monday evenings** at 7pm-8pm. (Carpooling from St. Agnes will be encouraged.) **High School Youth will be meeting SUNDAY afternoons at 12:30pm or at 4:30pm if the monthly Sunday 6:00PM Mass is that night..**

Commonly asked Questions:

- 1. What is new this year with the St. Agnes, St. Paul of the Cross & St. Rose Faith Formation / Religious Education programs?** The basic schedule from last year for grades K-5 remains the same. The textbooks for grades 1-5 are being updated and textbooks will be kept / taken home each week by the children. Please note that cluster families may sign-up for either location (Lima or Avon)
- 2. What do the Youth Group programs involve?** Instruction (for grades 6, 7 & 8, and grades 9-12) plus social and service opportunities. Typically Junior High (grades 6-8) will gather at St. Paul of the Cross-Honeoye Falls **Monday evenings** for instruction, sharing, fun and prayer. Senior High gatherings will meet on **Sunday afternoons starting at 12:30PM or at 4:30PM if the monthly Sunday Family Mass at 6:00pm is that night.** Service projects and fun outings are also scheduled at various times year-long (for those interested) and are options planned with the assistance of parents and a Youth Ministry Team. The registration fees provide curriculum materials *and* entitle youth group members to get activity fee sponsorship and helps with chaperone activity fees. Please see the separate Youth Ministry calendar.
- 3. Is there registration for Sunday Mass – Children’s’ Liturgy of the Word (CLW)? CLW is provided** at the St. Agnes 10:30 AM Mass. We are making plans to expand CLW at the 8:30AM Mass at SPOC or SR during most of the year . Neither fee nor registration is needed for CLW children.
- 4. Are there Adult Ed opportunities?** Absolutely. St. Paul of the Cross will be hosting a Wednesday evening **Bible Study Series**. St. Rose has a **Book Club** meeting on Wednesday mornings. There will be some Adult Ed sessions this fall on the **New Roman Missal**. Plus there will be some Adult Ed topics in the catechist formation series and sacraments. Watch the bulletin or the St. Agnes web-site <http://sayonline.org> under “Life-Long Faith Formation” or “Sacraments”.
- 5. When is my annual paperwork due?** Each summer we need to order textbooks & supplies. Your timely cooperation enables us to keep costs down. Please drop Faith Formation registrations in the mail to the above address. Checks may be **payable to your parish of our cluster** and sent to “ Faith Formation Office”, 108 Prospect St., Avon, NY **or** stop by the St. Agnes or St. Paul of the Cross or St. Rose offices during office hours **before August 30, 2011.** Thanks!!

Sincerely,

Michael Drexler, Pastoral Associate