

Summer 2017



Dear Parents/Guardians:

God bless you for registering your child in religious formation gatherings at Sacred Heart and thereby continuing to support their spiritual growth and wellbeing. We are honored that you have entrusted us with aiding you in passing on the faith to your child(ren)!

We offer 3 different groupings for grades 7th-12th for religious formation on Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm – 8:00pm:

- Junior High Gathering (7th & 8th grades)
- Under-Classmen Gathering (9th & 10th grades)
- Upper-Classmen Gathering (11th & 12th grades)

Note: Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is held on Sunday evenings from Sept-Feb; please complete the separate Confirmation Preparation Registration Form if wishing to register your sophomore in preparation to receive that sacrament.

We are finalizing the **2017-2018 Youth Ministry Calendar**. It will be emailed to all families who fill out this registration. Please post it in a noticeable place in your home and note the Wednesdays we will not gather due to holidays, etc.

Cost to register 7th-12th grade teens in Wednesday evening religious formation is **\$20 per student**. This fee helps to defray the costs of textbooks, classroom materials, & weekly BLAST ministry. Because the actual cost to Sacred Heart is considerably above \$20 per student, we are unable to provide registration scholarships at this time. We are happy to schedule a payment plan with you if requested.

Notes: *Adults who serve this school year as catechist will be exempt from the \$20 fee for their child(ren).

*Religious Formation for PreK-6th ("Family Formation") & 7th-12th operate on different budgets. Please **pay separately** for your younger children (see our DRE, Lori Shidell).

Classes begin Wednesday, **September 6**, from 7pm to 8pm. Teens in 7th – 12th grades are invited to join us for a social hour called BLAST (Bringing Lively & Active Students Together) in the Youth Hall each Wednesday before classes begin. BLAST is from 6pm – 7pm and a meal is provided. We ask that the parents of teens who attend BLAST sign-up to help provide & serve a meal once during the school year.

If your teen plans to attend BLAST only, please note that on their registration form. The fee for "BLAST only" is the same fee as to attend all Wednesday evening programming.

Information on events for teens (Teen Movie Nights, retreats, trips, conferences, etc) can be found on the **Youth News page** in our weekly Mass Bulletin as well as off the Youth Ministry page on our parish website: www.sacredheartwf.org.

Communication between families and our Office of Youth Ministry (periodic reminders, cancellations, etc) is done via **email** (not post mail). Please be sure to write your email address clearly on the registration form.

Cassie H. Eranzo – Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Adolescent Catechesis

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IMPORTANT:

One step of registration is to be completed *at home* by parents – our **online** Annual Parental Liability Waiver, Permission, & Medical Information (known as the **FORM A**). Our Diocese requires we have one on file for each teen who participates in Youth Ministry at Sacred Heart. This form will be valid from now through the end of May 2018.

Please use the following instructions to fill out the FORM A (separate form for each child) from the convenience of your home. **Your teen is not officially registered for class until you have completed the online Medical Form A & emailed to our parish.** Forms need to be completed prior to the beginning of classes (Sept 6).

Any questions/concerns, please email cerazo@sacredheartwf.org

ONLINE “FORM A” INSTRUCTIONS:

- #1: Go to <http://www.fwdioc.org/pages/diocesan-release-forms> online. (Or go to www.fwdioc.org, then click on “Youth” from the menu and select “Diocesan Release Forms” from the drop down menu)
- #2: Select “Form A” in English
- #3: Fill out all information fully.
IMPORTANT in “Email of Youth Minister from your parish” box, please enter: clikins@sacredheartwf.org (email of Children's Ministries Assistant)
- #4: After completing information fully, click “submit”
- #5: We recommend you also print a hard copy of the completed form for your own records

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THE
REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR YOUR CHILD(REN)!**

FAITH FORMATION FOR TEENS * 7TH-12TH GRADES ~ REGISTRATION FORM 2017-2018 ~

Sacred Heart Parish * Wichita Falls, TX

- This form is for adolescents planning to attend Wednesday Night Programming for Teens (BLAST and/or Faith Formation Gatherings).
- Fill out a separate form for each child in family registering for Wednesday Teen Nights
- If registering for BLAST only (and not programming from 7-8pm) check here:

Date: _____

Circle Adult Tshirt Size: XS S M L XL XXL 3XL

Students Legal Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Preferred Name)

_____ Birth Date: (m/d/y)

_____ Grade 17-18 school year

_____ School Attending

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

*******Communication in done primarily through email PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY*******

STUDENT Email: _____ Student Cell: _____

PARENT Email(s): _____

Student living with: (circle) Both parents Father Mother Other _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Catholic Yes/No

Catholic Yes/No

Cell: _____

Cell: _____

If Applicable:

Step Father: _____

Step Mother: _____

Catholic Yes/No

Catholic Yes/ No

Email: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Legal Guardian if other than parents: _____

Please list 2 emergency contacts in case if parents cannot be reached:

1. Name _____ Phone Number: _____

2. Name _____ Phone Number: _____

(Registration Form continues on back)

Registered at Sacred Heart? Yes / No If No, What Parish? _____

Please check the Sacraments your teen HAS NOT RECEIVED:

BAPTISM

RECONCILIATION

EUCCHARIST

CONFIRMATION

Does your child have special learning needs, medical challenges, or home situation we should be aware to help better serve them? If so, please explain _____

Wednesday Teen Programming = \$20 per teen

- Please make checks out to "Sacred Heart".
- The fee helps to defray the cost of all learning session materials, classroom supplies, and weekly BLAST Ministry.
- Because the actual cost to Sacred Heart is considerably above \$20 per youth, our limited budget is unable to provide scholarships for Wednesday Night programming for teens. We can work with families to set up a payment plan if requested.
- BLAST Ministry is a parent-supported ministry that is only possible through the generosity and support of our families. We ask all families whose teen(s) enjoy weekly BLAST Ministry to sign up to host (or co-host with another family) a BLAST Meal once during the school year.
- The \$20 fee is waived for Adult Volunteers who serve as Catechists for 2017-2018 school year in appreciation for their dedicated service.
- Throughout the year, Youth Ministry offers events like retreats, trips, and conferences. Youth Ministry programs held outside of our weekly Wednesday Evenings require their own registration paperwork & fees.

FOR PARISH USE ONLY

AMOUNT PAID _____ DATE _____ CHECK# _____ CASH _____ CATECHIST _____



Dear Parents:

Our ministry with your child is a sacred trust. Because of this, we are committed to following the Diocesan mandate to provide classroom training to teach our children and youth how to protect themselves from sexual abuse. This mandate originated with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for Protection of Children and Young People*.

In the Diocese of Ft. Worth, this program has been integrated into the religious formation classes for each year in all parishes. The program we use is entitled *Called to Protect* and has lessons to discuss self protection specifically developed with age appropriateness in mind. *Called to Protect* for Jr. High & High School students is broken into 3 separate lessons. We will offer one lesson each year. There is a brochure available which addresses the Safe Environment Program for our diocese in more detail.

On **Wednesday, October 4th**, a *Called to Protect* session will be given for 7th – 12th graders during regular class hours (7 – 8 PM) in the **Youth Hall**. As always, parents are welcome to view the *Called to Protect* video and materials prior to the class and are welcome to attend the class as well.

Please turn to the back of this page and check the box to let us know if your child will participate in the presentation. Don't forget to sign it also.

Thanks!

Please email me at cerazo@sacredheartwf.org if you have any questions. We thank you for your support as we partner to give our children the safest possible environment to grow in faith, in our parishes, in our homes, and in our communities.

Peace & Blessings,

Cassie H. Eranzo –Coordinator of Youth Ministries & Adolescent Catechesis
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Called To Protect

DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH
Child Self-Protection Program
Safe Environment

Parish Name: Sacred Heart, Wichita Falls

Please inform us of your intention regarding the program for your child below:
(PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BOXES)

Yes, my child **WILL PARTICIPATE** in a safe environment (child self-protection) program for children on Wednesday, October 4th, 2017.

No, my child **will NOT** participate in a safe environment (child self-protection) program for children. I will keep my child at home on WED, October 4th, 2017.

Note: It is the responsibility of parent to keep their child at home on the day of the session if they elect not to participate. If you bring your child to class on Oct. 4th, you are granting permission for them to participate.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Parent Name _____

Student Name _____

* Parent Signature _____ Date _____