



PADRE SERRA PARISH
“Siempre Adelante”

**Faith Formation
Frequently Asked Questions:**

Q: How do I sign up?

A: Go to www.padreserra.org ► I Want To Learn ► Faith Formation Home ► *Registration Packet*
Print it, fill it out and drop it by the office.

Q: What time is the office open?

A: Monday through Friday 8:30am to 8:00pm and Sundays 8:00am to 1:00pm

Q: How much does it cost?

A: \$50 for Little Church and Faith Factor Live • Everything else is \$100 • \$25 extra for sacrament

Q: What if I can't pay today?

A: We ask for \$25 with registration paperwork. It is ok to make payments over a few months for the balance. If you are worried about the fees, please contact Eve Collier.

Q: When does it start?

A: Registration is open the first week of May. We plan the lessons and purchase materials in the summer. We form learning Centers in late August and recruit and train Catechists and Leaders in September. Parent meetings come next on Monday September 24 OR Tuesday September 25 and the children and teens come back when the program year begins Sunday, September 30.

Q: Can I get a calendar?

A: Yes, calendars are available at the parent meetings. Watch the website for calendar information coming soon!!

Q: When are the parent meetings?

A: . Parent meetings are on Monday September 24 OR Tuesday September 25 at 6:30pm in the Serra Center. Come to the evening that fits your schedule. You will meet all the Coordinators for all your children in one night.

Q: I am not Catholic, can I still help?

A: Yes, we have so many ways to get involved, contact one of our Coordinators to find out how.

Q: My kids are Catholic, I am not. How can I keep up with what they are learning?

A: For pre-school age children, just volunteer. For children in grades 1-4, review their go home hand-out every week. For junior high, attend their sessions and the parent forums. Attend all the family events that we host. For everyone, check the bulletin for adult formation opportunities. This year check out the Catholicism series with Fr. Robert Barron and during Lent watch for The University series. Contact Eve Collier for more information and more hands-on ways to participate in children's formation.

Q: My daughter has special needs, can she even make her sacraments?

A: In almost every case, yes! Each year we have 2-4 children or teens with special needs that are enrolled and preparing for sacraments.

Q: I have been away from the church for a while, how can I come back?

A: Just walk through the door...come to Sunday mass; or make an appointment with Fr. Patrick; or contact Landings Ministry, a group that will welcome you and answer your questions; or through your children, contact Eve Collier to get involved.

Q: I want to help out but I don't want to teach, what can I do?

A: There is no end to the possibilities! We always need help in the office with administrative work or preparing teaching materials. Meet with Eve Collier to discern a good spot for you based on your gifts and availability.

Q: Can my kid start mid year?

A: Children and teens can start at any time. For Sacraments, First Communion and Confirmation, baptized participants must receive two full consecutive years of preparation.

Q: Can my teen bring a friend?

A: For youth...always! Our Junior High ministry, Faith Factor Live, has guest permission forms outside at every meeting. LIFE, our High School ministry, teens may bring a friend; simply introduce your friend to Howard or Brett that night. For younger children, please contact Eve Collier.