

# GOODNEWS



K-12 Faith Formation News — *Our Lady Queen of Peace & St. Thomas More*

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Dear Faith Formation Families,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all enjoying a happy and safe summer with your loved ones. I am sure that you will agree that the school year is jam-packed with activities and events, making for a pretty hectic pace! I pray that you will have some quality time this summer to spend with your families, strengthening the bonds that make our family time so very sacred and special.

**Please consider registering your child for Vacation Bible Camp 2017 to be held on August 21-23 from 9 am to 12:30 pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace.** This year's them is "Exploring the Holy Trinity" and is open to children entering grades K-5 this fall. The children will learn all about how God has revealed himself to be the Trinity, that is, the mystery of one God in three Divine Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **All are welcome, so please tell your children to invite their friends!** Registration materials are available at both worship sites or by contacting me via email. Also, if you have an older student in grades 7-12 interested in volunteering their time at the camp, please let me know soon. I would greatly appreciate it!

Looking ahead to the 2017-18 school year, we are in need of K-5 catechists on Wednesday nights at St. Thomas More. The Wednesday night program continues to grow with over 60 students enrolled this past school year. Loving catechists are needed to help these children to be formed in their Catholic faith. Please consider offering your time in this very special way, and remember...God does not only call the qualified, God qualifies the called! *Without catechists, we will not be able to provide the Wednesday night class option.*

We are also in need of Junior and Senior High Faith Formation catechists. What a wonderful opportunity you have to make sure that being Catholic isn't something that our teens simply feel compelled to do, but rather, that their Catholic faith becomes central to *who they are*. JHFF and SHYG meet on alternate Sunday nights from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm from late September to early May. Again, please consider offering your time to this amazing group of young people.

A few sacramental preparation reminders:

- ◆ **Per the Diocese of Rochester, Confirmation Preparation is a two year process that can begin no sooner than 8th grade. If you have a child ready to begin this process, please contact me before September 1st. Registration materials will also be available at both worship sites throughout the summer.**
- ◆ **Per the Diocese of Rochester, students are required to have received First Reconciliation before preparing for and receiving First Eucharist. If you have a child ready to be prepared for these sacraments, please note that First Reconciliation preparation begins in early October and First Eucharist preparation begins in mid-February. Registration materials will be available at both worship sites throughout the summer.**

As another summer flies by, I encourage you to take time to pray with your family, to be present and focused in each other's lives, to gather each day to share at least one meal in each other's company and to attend weekly Mass together. Put God at the center of your lives and be aware of God's presence in all that you do. **More equals more!** The more faith-centered you make your family's life, the more God is able to help guide and shepherd you throughout your journey.



*Peace and blessings,  
Jodi Miller, Director of Faith Formation*

### A Summer Prayer

Loving God, Creator of all, thank you for summer!  
Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.  
Thank you for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy your Creation.  
Thank you for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.  
Draw me closer to You this summer.  
Teach me how I can pray,  
no matter where I am or what I am doing.  
Warm my soul with the awareness of your presence  
and light my path with your Word and Counsel.  
As I enjoy your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.  
Amen.



### First Reconciliation Preparation begins October 8, 2017

#### Please Note:

*First Reconciliation is required to have been celebrated prior to receiving First Eucharist.  
All classes meet at St. Thomas More.*

Oct. 8	<i>Inscription and coffee hour celebration 9:30 am at OLQP/10:30 am at STM</i>	
Oct. 12	Lesson 1	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Oct. 19	Lesson 2	Home Study
Oct. 26	Lesson 3	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Nov. 2	Lesson 4	Home Study
Nov. 9	Lesson 5	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Nov. 12-18	Individual Meeting with Mrs. Miller - TBA	
Nov. 16	Lesson 6	Home Study
Nov. 18	First Reconciliation Celebration <b><u>10 am at Our Lady Queen of Peace</u></b>	

**Students are required to attend ALL FOUR class meetings.**

For question or to register, please contact Jodi Miller at  
[jodi.miller@dor.org](mailto:jodi.miller@dor.org) or 244-3010/381-4200

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### **K- 12 FAITH FORMATION CATECHISTS NEEDED!**

Wednesday Nights, 6:00 to 7:15 pm...Grades K-5 at STM  
Alternate Sunday Nights, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm ...JHFF Grades 6-8 at OLQP  
and SHYG Grades 9-12 at OLQP

Please help plant the seeds of faith within the children of our faith community by volunteering your time as a catechist this coming school year.

You will work among the **BEST catechists** and **MOST SPECTACULAR students** within the Diocese of Rochester while learning more about our Catholic faith in the process.

**Curriculum, training and support readily provided!**

For more info, please contact:  
Jodi Miller, Director of Faith Formation  
[jodi.miller@dor.org](mailto:jodi.miller@dor.org)/381-4200 or 244-3010



## Faith Formation Classes and Youth Ministry Meetings begin **SOON!**

The 2017-18 school year is right around the corner, so register **NOW!**

**Classes are offered on the following days:**

**K-5 Faith Formation** : Tuesday Evenings at OLQP 6 pm to 7:15 pm  
Wednesday Evenings at STM 6 pm to 7:15 pm

**Junior High Faith Formation**: Alternate Sunday Evenings at OLQP 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
(For grades 6-8)

**Senior High Youth Group**: Alternate Sunday Evenings at OLQP 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
(For grades 9-12)

Registration materials are available at both worship sites or by contacting:

Jodi Miller at [jodi.miller@dor.org](mailto:jodi.miller@dor.org)  
244-3010/381-4200

### **Please note the following information regarding Sacramental preparation:**

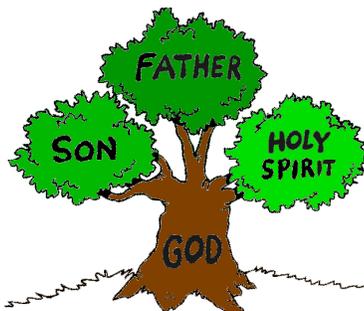
⇒ Per the Diocese of Rochester, children must celebrate their first sacramental confession **before receiving** First Eucharist. **Preparation for First Reconciliation begins October 8, 2017.**

If you have a child ready to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please contact Jodi Miller for more information.

**(Preparation for First Eucharist will begin in February 2018.)**

⇒ **Confirmation is now a two year process that may begin no sooner than 8th grade.** If you have a child ready to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Jodi Miller for more information.

**Preparation begins on September 17th, 2017.**



## **Vacation Bible Camp 2017**

**"Exploring the Holy Trinity"**

August 21-23  
9 am to 12:30 pm at OLQP  
\$40 per Camper

**REGISTER NOW!**

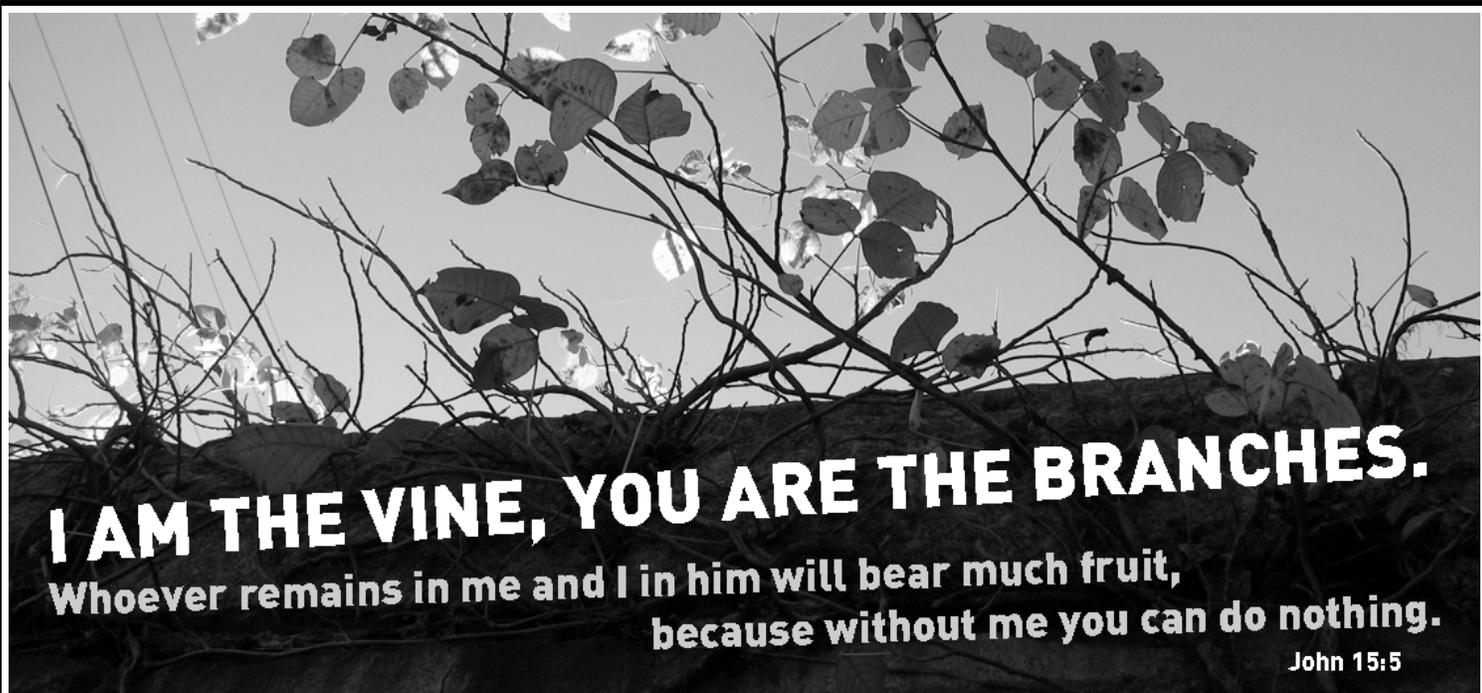
Forms available at either  
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***REGISTER NOW!***

***Come and learn all about how God has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.***

***Open to children entering grades K-5 this fall!***

***All are welcome so please tell your friends!***



**COME AND GET CONNECTED**

***DISCOVERING CHRIST***

**THURSDAYS AT 6:30 PM**

**FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 TO NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

**Please join us at Our Lady Queen of Peace (Slattery Hall) for *Discovering Christ*.** Enjoy a free dinner, listen to dynamic teaching, and join in small group discussions about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. *Discovering Christ* is a seven-week series that will begin September 28, 2017 and includes a life-changing retreat on Saturday, November 4, 2017.

We invite you to watch a *Discovering Christ* video to learn more about the course:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-QPh2\\_3n2k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-QPh2_3n2k)

**Come revitalize your faith by exploring the meaning of life in Jesus Christ!**

**To register, or for more information, please contact  
the OLQP/STM parish office at 244-3010 or 381-4200.**