

St. Agnes/St. Paul of the Cross/St. Rose  
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*"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him." 1 John 3:1*

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The following programs are being offered for the 2018-2019 year families with youth in grades PreK-12:

**Grades PreK-6: Community Faith:** Community Faith meets once a month at each church. Families can attend any of the sessions, which are timed perfectly for attendance at Mass. An adult partner is required to attend. We gather together to participate in activities for all ages. Children participate with parents at home in between sessions with the Gospel Weeklies curriculum.

**Grades 7-9 (including Confirmation):** please select one of the following:

**Community Faith:** as listed above.

**Summer Institute:** This program will meet Sunday through Thursday, **July 8-12, 2018** from 9:00am – 3:00pm, at the St. Agnes Campus (Sunday is for both parent and student and begins at 11am until 3pm – including Mass). This option also requires 2-5 additional sessions.

Confirmation has specific requirements to cover, including retreat, service, Reconciliation, interview, and immediate preparation.

**Grades 9-12: High School Youth Ministry:** We will meet monthly at rotating parishes and times, also in tandem with current Mass times. \*note -this program does not take the place of Confirmation.

**Sacraments:** Under the New Policies for the Diocese of Rochester, candidates for Sacraments must be registered in a Faith Formation program or Catholic School for *one complete year* before becoming eligible to prepare for Sacraments. First Reconciliation is now celebrated **before** First Eucharist, beginning in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and Confirmation preparation is a two-year process that begins no sooner than 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**If this is a Sacrament Preparation Year for one of your children (going into 2<sup>nd</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade), please call the office at 226-2100 to schedule a 15 minute appointment to return your paperwork.**

Registration and Caring Enough to Share forms are included. Please fill out both and return to the Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Office with your fee, which covers the cost of Faith Formation materials. A complete calendar with all dates/times/events will be available soon.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 226-2100 or [Christine.devito@dor.org](mailto:Christine.devito@dor.org), or check out the Frequently Asked Questions on our website at [www.saintagnespaulrose.org](http://www.saintagnespaulrose.org).

Sincerely,

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