



Commitment to Christian Life Program

Religious Formation – Role of the Family and the Parish

Parents, as the primary educators of their children, along with the pastor, catechists, and the parish community, collaborate in the religious formation of our children.

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Each year in the 8th Grade, the faith formation program will include lessons to review and focus on the Mystery Baptism and Chrismation with emphasis on our commitment to serve Christ and His Church. The children are now of an age in which they should understand and embrace their Baptismal/Chrismation call to be an active and faithful disciple of Christ by the witness of their Christian lives.

This does not mean that they will be Chrismated (Confirmed) again. Both Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation are received only once and leave a permanent seal upon our soul. The *Commitment to Christian Life* is a program of renewal to help our youth to grow in a mature understanding of their obligations to live as a faithful Maronite Catholic.

Understanding the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments)

During this year of religious education, the youth will review the Holy Mysteries, with a focus on Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist. They will explore how to grow in their Maronite Catholic call to be a Christian witness in our world. The youth will be challenged to a fuller participation in the Mysteries of the Eucharist and Penance, as well as their obligation to serve others in imitation of Jesus who “came to serve, not to be served.”

Policy & Information

Qualifications

Any parish youth in the 8th grade and up who already received the Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation, and is registered and regularly attending the Sunday classes will be eligible to participate in the *Commitment to Christian Life* program and ceremony. The Commitment will take place during Divine Liturgy on a Sunday in May.

Baptism in a Roman Catholic Church

If your child was baptized in the Roman Church then they are in need of preparation to receive the Mystery of Chrismation (Confirmation). Please speak with Sr. Marla Marie to arrange for this.

The Eastern Catholic Churches confer Baptism and Chrismation at the same time; the Roman Church does not.

Commitment Ceremony, the following should be observed:

Dress Code

Girls: modest dress (no low cut tops or mini styled skirts); dress shoes (no sneakers). Boys: dress pants, dress shirt, tie; dress shoes (no sneakers).

Our Church

Please keep the Church a place of prayer and quiet—before, and during the Divine Liturgy. Please inform your guests of our policy.

Reception

A simple reception will be held in the social hall immediately after the Liturgy.
Note: The parents of the teens will collaborate with Sr. Marla Marie to plan this.

Faith Formation

This is a new beginning of their formation, not the end. Please re-register your children to continue in their faith formation classes for next September. Attendance each year is important in the continuity of the religious education of your children.

Calendar of Preparation

- ✝ Lessons during Sunday classes
- ✝ Day of retreat on at OLOL a Saturday in April
- ✝ May 11 (Sunday) Divine Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. with Commitment to Christian Life ceremony.