## Dear Parents,

The Faith Formation Program at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish is an eight-year journey of growing in faith, designed for students in Grades 1 through 8. Together, as families and parish community, we share the sacred responsibility of nurturing our children's love and understanding of God.

To register your child for Faith Formation classes, please email ccd@olvparamus.org or call the Rectory. Children are reqired to complete two consecutive years of Faith Formation in preparation for receiving the Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.

For returning students, registration will automatically renew online, and an invoice will be sent to parents.

For new students, please complete a registration form and submit it to the Faith Formation Office along with a copy of your childs Baptismal Certificate.

Every child should have the opportunity to participate in our program, regardless of any registration challenges. If you experience any difficulties or have concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us we are here to help.

Our Faith Formation program depends greatly on the dedication of our volunteers. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and faith as a catechist or classroom aide. Training, resources, and continued support will be provided to ensure you feel confident and comfortable in this rewarding ministry.

Regular attendance at Sunday Mass is an essential part of our Catholic faith. The Liturgy of the Word and the Holy Eucharist draw us closer to God and strengthen our spiritual lives. Attending Mass each week, our children learn how to pray, worship, and live as active members of our parish community. We encourage all families to join us faithfully at Mass each weekend.

Throughout the year, our Faith Formation Center sponsors and prepares students for the Sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. We also host parish events such as the Living Nativity before Christmas Eve Mass and the Stations of the Cross, where students are invited to participate as readers. If you would like to become more involved in these parish activities or in the spiritual growth of our community, please reach out to me directly.

Thank you for your continued support, cooperation, and dedication to your child's faith journey. May God bless you and your family as you grow together in faith and love.

With blessings and gratitude,

Charlene Viger
Director of Religious Education
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