

# FAITH FORMATION/SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION OPPORTUNITIES GUIDE 2017 – 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

## ***Building A Community of Hope***

**St. Alphonsus Liguori**

We welcome both parents and children to our religious programs. The Church teaches that parents are the primary teachers of the Faith to their children. Because we honor this, we at St. Alphonsus are committed to assisting both parents and children to grow in their faith life. The mission of the Faith Formation Office and Parish School of Religion is to aid you in providing religious education for your children. As you know, religious education and spiritual formation require more than a casual commitment if they are to be effective. For this reason, the Faith Formation Office strongly encourages the following as a formula to insure a foundation in our Catholic Faith. ***By signing this registration form you are acknowledging the importance of your commitment.***

**Commitment to and registration in the St. Alphonsus Parish Family**  
**Regular attendance at Sunday Mass as a family**  
**Participation in Stewardship of Finance**  
**Student attendance at religion classes**  
**Commitment to family prayer**  
**Involvement in Parish Ministry**

The Faith Formation Office is dedicated to keeping you informed. In the next section is the description for different options of PSR (Parish School of Religion). Each section contains the information to receive text messages about upcoming meetings or events. Please take the time to register to receive the messages.

We offer two opportunities for Faith Formation. These options are designed to help the children in our parish grow in their understanding of our Catholic Faith. Look through this guide and choose the option for your family and write your choice on the registration form. **Remember that once a selection is made, you must remain with that option for the whole year.** Please return the completed registration form along with the fee payment to the Faith Formation Office. Fee information is on the second page of the registration form. All Sacramental registration requires a copy of a Baptismal Certificate at the time of registration.

If you have any concerns about fees, options or other questions, please contact Olga Johnson, Director of Religious Education.

**St. Alphonsus Liguori**  
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## **Faith Formation / Confirmation Informational Guide**

### **AT HOME - Religion classes for Students in K - 12 grade in public or private school.**

In this option, parents provide faith formation in their home using a text book and instructional manual. Parents work with their child(ren) to complete the assignments. In addition, the parents and young people must attend five meetings that provide information, answer questions, and assess their understanding and progress.

**At Home meetings are from 7:00 – 8:30 PM**

**Mandatory Parent Meeting on Thursday, 8/3/2017 at 7:00 PM in the Church.**

**Classes on the following dates: 9/28/2017, 11/2/2017, 12/14/2017, 1/25/2018, and 3/15/2018**

To receive the text remind for At Home - text: @sahome1 to 81010

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### **LEARNING GROUPS – Religion classes for Students in K –12 grade in public or private school.**

This is a conventional classroom setting facilitated by a catechist. Young people are educated by use of textbooks, music, videos, etc. to enhance their understanding and knowledge of our Catholic Faith.

**Learning Group sessions are scheduled from 5:30 - 7:00 PM**

**Mandatory Parent Meeting on Thursday, 8/3/2017 at 7:00 PM in the Church.**

**Classes on the following dates: 2017: 8/13, 8/27, 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/12, 12/3 and 12/17  
2018: 1/7, 1/21, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/18, 4/15 and 4/22**

To receive the text remind for Learning Group - text: @salearn1 to 81010

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### **CONFIRMATION – ALL PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

In our Confirmation program, candidates must attend Faith Formation classes or attend a Catholic high school as well as Confirmation sessions. This process is completed over a three year period. Candidates are required to attend three meetings each year, attend a yearly retreat and complete a yearly service project.

#### **Mandatory Parent Meeting - Thursday, August 24, 2017 (7:00PM in the church)**

To receive the text remind for Year 1 text: @saconf20 to 81010

Year 2 text: @saconf19 to 81010

Year 3 text: @saconf18 to 81010

#### **YEAR 1**

**10/07/2017 - 10/08/2017 - Retreat Off-Site**

**12/17/2017 - 5:00PM - 7:30PM**

**01/28/2018 - 5:00PM - 7:30PM**

**03/11/2018 - 5:00PM - 7:30PM**

Service Project is a family project to help the community or neighbor. It may not benefit your family. Service must be documented by photo and written response.

#### **YEAR 2**

**09/17/2017 - Attend 12:00PM Mass - 12:00PM - 5:00PM**

**11/12/2017 - 5:00PM - 7:30PM**

**12/09/2017-12/10/2017 - Retreat Off-Site**

**02/25/2018 - 5:00PM - 7:30PM**

Service Project is to help with one of the Kids in Ministry Events or to help with the parish fair. You must sign up to help with the event and sign in. Service must be documented by written response.

#### **YEAR 3**

**10/01/2017 - Attend 12:00pm Mass - 12:00PM - 5:00PM**

**12/03/2017 - 5:00PM - 7:30PM**

**03/11/2018 - 5:00PM - 7:30PM**

**01/20/2018 - 01/21/2018 - Overnight Retreat / Service Project Off-Site**

**04/17/2018 - Rehearsal - 7:00PM**

**04/19/2018 - Sacrament of Confirmation - 7:00PM**

Service Project is to be completed at the overnight Year 3 Retreat. You will need to collect supplies to make Love Bags for the homeless of Baton Rouge. A list will be given out at the Parent meeting.

**Any candidate that has missed a Service Project or Retreat must contact the Faith Formation Office.**

**2017 - 2018 Faith Formation & Confirmation Registration**

(July 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017)

St. Alphonsus or Other (Indicate) \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

<u>For Office Use Only</u>		
Family ID _____		
Paid \$ _____	Check # _____	Cash _____
Parent Teaching _____		

<u>Parent / Legal Guardian Information</u>	
Father's Name _____	
Home # _____	
Work # _____	Cell # _____
Address _____	
Zip _____	
Email _____	
Marital Status _____	
If divorced: Custody Shared _____ Sole Custody _____	
Emergency Contact: Name _____	
Phone _____	
Relation to child _____	
Please Complete the Following:	
As a Catholic parent or guardian, I am formally registered at _____ Catholic Church.	
I participate in Sunday Mass Weekly. Yes _____ No _____	

<u>Parent / Legal Guardian Information</u>	
Mother's Name _____	
Home # _____	
Work# _____	Cell # _____
Address _____	
Zip _____	
Email _____	
Marital Status _____	
If divorced: Custody Shared _____ Sole Custody _____	
Emergency Contact: Name _____	
Phone _____	
Relation to child _____	
Please Complete the Following:	
As a Catholic parent or guardian, I am formally registered at _____ Catholic Church.	
I participate in Sunday Mass Weekly. Yes _____ No _____	

I am the legal guardian of this student (s) _____
I _____ DO _____ DO NOT give permission for my child(ren)'s picture to be used in media releases.
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

<b><u>Public/Private School Students</u></b>	
<b>Faith Formation Book Fee</b>	
<b>Kindergarten - Twelfth Grade</b>	
1 Child	\$40.00 _____
2 Children	\$75.00 _____
Family Rate	\$105.00 _____
Confirmation Fee per student	\$ 20.00 _____
<b><u>Grades 9th - 12th:</u> If your child(ren) is/are registering for Faith Formation AND Confirmation, include the fee for Faith Formation AND Confirmation.</b>	
Total Enclosed	_____

Please bring or mail this registration with payment to:

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<b><u>Catholic School Students</u></b>	
<b><u>Grades 9th - 12th:</u> Pay only the Confirmation Fee.</b>	
Confirmation Fee is \$20.00 per student.	
Total Enclosed	_____

First Student Information

Please select a Faith Formation option: At Home \_\_\_\_\_ Learning \_\_\_\_\_ (Must remain in this selection the entire year.)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School (2017-2018) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Religion Class Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Child's Special Needs: i.e. learning disability, medication, or allergies/illness**

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Who does this student live with: Parents \_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_ Grandparents \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

All Sacramental preparation requires a copy of a Baptismal Certificate. (If received at St. Alphonsus we only need a date.)

Church of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Sacraments Received : Baptism      Reconciliation      Eucharist      Confirmation

**Confirmation Students ONLY** Please circle the Confirmation Year you are entering:    Year 1                      Year 2                      Year 3

Second Student Information

Please select a Faith Formation option: At Home \_\_\_\_\_ Learning \_\_\_\_\_ (Must remain in this selection the entire year.)

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School (2017-2018) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Religion Class Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Child's Special Needs: i.e. learning disability, medication, or allergies/illness**

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Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School (2017-2018) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Religion Class Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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