



Happy Labor Day!



“We do not get dignity from power, or money or culture. We get dignity from work,” said Pope Francis in a homily for the feast of St. Joseph the Worker; work “anoints us” with dignity.

September! It's Back to School and Religious Formation



September is an exciting time for kids and parents. In academia, students and teachers are starting anew with each other and there is an opportunity to start fresh, regardless of what happened in the past year.

Perhaps your child is starting a new sport or honing skills and advancing to the next level of play. It's also a wonderful time to deepen a youngster's faith.

Effectively engaging in religious formation classes involves both parents and children actively participating and collaborating with the intention of deepening their understanding of faith and fostering spiritual growth.

Below are some suggestions to help parents ensure their children can get the most out of their religious formation classes:

- **Be Actively Involved:** Attend parent-teacher meetings, workshops, and events related to the religious formation program. This shows your commitment to your child's spiritual development and allows you to stay informed about their progress.
- 1. **Attend Worship Services:** Regularly attend Mass and even add a special prayer service, such as Eucharistic Adoration as a family. This reinforces the connection between what is learned in formation classes and the practice of faith in a community setting.
- **Open Communication:** Maintain regular communication with your child's religious education teacher or coordinator. Share any concerns, questions, or suggestions you might have. This partnership can enhance your child's formation experience.
- **Supplement Learning at Home:** Reinforce the lessons learned in class by discussing them at home. Incorporate religious activities, such as reading from scripture, praying together, and participating in family devotions. You do not need all the answers. The pastoral staff at your parish would be happy to meet with you to discuss any thoughts, or questions you may have in understanding Church teachings.
- **Model Faith:** Children often learn through observation. Demonstrate your faith through your own actions, prayers,

and participation in parish ministry.

Religious formation is a lifelong journey. Both parents and children can benefit from ongoing engagement in their parish with an openness to learning, and a commitment to growing in their faith.

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