

# **FAITH FORMATION FOR ST. JEROME AND ST. JAMES CHURCH**

## **Religious Formation for School-aged Children**

Our parishes' religious formation efforts, aim to communicate the fullness of life in Jesus, in light of the life-giving riches of our Catholic tradition. We offer **Parish Faith Formation (PFF)** for parishioners in Kindergarten, Elementary and Middle School. All Elementary (grades K through 5), and Middle School aged students (grades 6 through 8), who do not attend a parochial school, are expected to participate in PFF or Home Study (HFF). High School students likewise have the Home Study opportunity.

Registration is held over the summer, with a fee charged to cover materials. Parents enter into a covenant with the catechists to partner for the flourishing in faith of our children. **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** PFF for Elementary School children is held on Wednesday evenings, from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. **MIDDLE SCHOOL** PFF for Middle School youth, designed as faith-sharing in a small Christian community, is offered on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m.

**Youth Group** participation is also highly encouraged (Sunday afternoons) plus special activities for prayer, community-building and service. Regular participation in Youth Group fulfills the Religious Formation aims.

**HIGH SCHOOL** St. Jerome Youth Ministry includes a catechetical component on Sundays. Additionally, a Home Study format is available for those students whose schedules cannot accommodate the Sunday-scheduled Youth Ministry Program (see below).

### **HOME STUDY OPTION (Home Faith Formation or HFF)**

Parents may choose to catechize their children at home in lieu of the Wednesday evening faith formation held at the parish (PFF.) The Home Study materials are the same as PFF, and the process follows the schedule of PFF. Parents gather initially and periodically with the Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation to share insights, struggles, affirmations, and best practices.