

## ST. JANE DE CHANTAL FAITH FORMATION HANDBOOK 2021-22

### MISSION STATEMENT

St. Jane de Chantal Parish seeks to support and equip parents in their task as primary catechists of their children. We are committed to proclaiming the mysteries of faith, fostering community, encouraging worship and prayer, and motivating service to others.

### HEALTH & SAFETY

St. Jane de Chantal Parish is committed to the health and safety of its people and will abide by federal, state, and local guidelines and restrictions regarding masking, distancing, capacity, etc. All attendees on campus will also be required to abide by such guidelines as are in force. Contact the PCL to arrange accommodations or adaptations for high-risk individuals.

### HYBRID FAMILY CATECHESIS REQUIRED COMPONENTS

Parent & child meetings	1 per month	Second Sundays* 4:30-5:30 pm
Home lessons	1 per month	determined by each family
Family fellowship	1 per month	*see calendar for events

### HOME-BASED FAMILY CATECHESIS REQUIRED COMPONENTS

Parent meetings	1 per month	First Wednesdays* 6:30-7:30 pm
Home lessons	2 per month	determined by each family
Family fellowship	1 per month	*see calendar for events

### PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Parents entering this program commit to fulfilling the above required components. Attendance is taken at each meeting. Each family is allotted no more than 3 *unexcused* absences for the year (we will be generous with what is excused). Please communicate to the PCL when an absence is necessary.

### ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL (HYBRID)

Parents will walk children to their class and pick them up at the door of the classroom when classes have dismissed. Please be prompt to arrive with your child/ren and be present for the parent meeting before start time. Children can arrive in class no more than ten minutes before class start time. Do not leave your child in class if an adult is not yet present.

### STUDENT CONDUCT

- ❖ Be punctual and prepared for class.
- ❖ Be courteous and considerate of others. Allow everyone an opportunity to speak.
- ❖ Be cooperative and participate in class and prayer.
- ❖ Use language and actions expressive of Christian behavior.
- ❖ Do not bring food or snacks. We have students with severe allergies.
- ❖ Do not bring toys, electronic devices, weapons, or illegal substances.
- ❖ Cell phones must be turned off and put away for the duration of class time.
- ❖ Dress appropriately: no short skirts or short shorts, revealing or offensive clothing.
- ❖ In church: Be respectful of the Lord's house. Observe silence when appropriate.

## **CHILD PROTECTION CATECHESIS**

The Archdiocese of New Orleans has implemented a mandatory policy on the teaching of Child Protection and Safe Environment to all teachers, volunteers, and students. Parents in the family based program may opt to have their children attend training with the hybrid class or to conduct the training at home. Parents who wish to opt out of training for their children must sign a form indicating so before the training class. The parish catechetical staff has a moral and legal duty to comply with the law to ensure the welfare of a child. Pursuant to State Law, we are required to report suspected child abuse, and we will also follow diocesan policy on such matters.

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

*First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion* are usually completed in second grade. In addition to Family Catechesis, candidates and their parents attend sacramental preparation classes in the Spring. A calendar of these events is received in the spring semester. A sacramental prep fee is charged to cover the cost of the sacramental preparation books, retreat, and reception.

*Confirmation preparation* is completed in eleventh grade. Confirmation prep classes are held on Sundays from 7-8 pm. Candidates attend a Confirmation retreat, complete a service project, and undergo an interview shortly before Confirmation. The sacramental prep fee includes retreat, gown rental, and reception.

## **INFORMATION, UPDATES, & REMINDERS**

**Parish webpage:** [saintjanedechantal.com](http://saintjanedechantal.com) (find faith formation under the learn tab)

**Contact:** Mrs. Christina Uhlich, Parish Catechetical Leader 893-3914 [cuhlich@arch-no.org](mailto:cuhlich@arch-no.org)

**To Receive Updates & Reminders via Text or Email Join your Remind Group/s:**

**Family Catechesis** text [@c4cgck](https://www.remind.com/join/@c4cgck) to **81010**

**Confirmation Prep** text [@9d4gee](https://www.remind.com/join/@9d4gee) to **81010**

**First Communion Prep** text [@8fd3ck6](https://www.remind.com/join/@8fd3ck6) to **81010**