

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Financial Assistance Policy for Faith Formation Tuition/Fees

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Holy Family Catholic Community realizes that situations exist where families are greatly burdened by the cost of faith formation. If a registered family finds themselves in a difficult financial situation, we encourage them to read through the following process for requesting assistance before the start of the catechetical year. Families who find themselves in financial hardship after the start of the year should also follow this same process, but note the situation that has caused them to request assistance after the start of the catechetical year.

Financial Assistance Request Process

1. Print a copy of Financial Assistance Request Form (found on the parish website under K-12 Faith Formation, Registration 2011-2012 or at the parish office) and complete the forms.
2. Mail, drop off, or email a copy of the completed form to the parish office by September 15, 2011. Note that all requests and information relating to requests are confidential.

Holy Family Catholic Community or tuitionassistance@hfccmd.org
7321 Burkittsville Rd.
Middletown, MD 21702

3. The Director of Faith Formation will review the form and contact the family to schedule a meeting to discuss the responsibility of passing on the faith to our children, the families' current financial situation, and other ways of supporting the parish based faith formation programs.
4. After the meeting, the Director of Faith Formation will assess the request with the pastor who will make the final decision whether to authorize financial assistance and how much.
5. The family will be contacted by the Director of Faith Formation to inform them of the outcome within two weeks of the meeting.
6. Any appeals regarding the pastor's decision must be done in writing and directed to the pastor.

Holy Family strives to aid parents in their role of passing on the faith to their children for it was the church's promise to parent at their child's baptism. We offer various faith formation programs and sacramental preparation programs to live out that promise in addition to the Sunday Mass.

Holy Family believes that parish based faith formation (or within the context of a Catholic school) is very important and should be treated that way. While families today are pulled in many directions concerning time and finances especially concerning their child(ren) such as sports, the arts, and other extra curricular activities, families must build their faith on rock, Jesus Christ ([Mt. 7:21-26](#)), through prayer, scripture, tradition, and one another. Without an understanding of, and relationship with Christ, we are likely to collapse when the wind blows.