

St. Andrew Faith Enrichment Project
Project SAFE
an after-school faith formation program

Dear Parents,

Raising children is a very difficult task in the times we live. Having a good faith foundation can bring your child a tremendous reward. It is a parental responsibility to make sure your child is brought up in faith. We are here to help you. Below you will find some basic suggestions for helping your children grow in faith.

It all begins with a relationship with Jesus Christ. Through observation of parents, teachers, and catechists, our students learn how to enter more fully into their relationship with Christ. We encourage you to share your faith with your children through prayer and meaningful discussion.

As we foster this relationship with Jesus, we seek to enrich it with an understanding of the Bible and how God calls us to live. We encourage you to spend time reading the Bible with your child.

Sacraments are powerful gifts from God. The grace we receive in the Sacraments helps us to be great followers of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to have your child baptized and to remind them of the promises made in Baptism. If you are Catholic, we encourage you to help us prepare your children for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

We must also seek to give our children a good understanding of right and wrong. While a good relationship with Jesus and an understanding of the Scripture and Tradition are a good foundation for making decisions about right and wrong, it is incomplete without an understanding of sin and virtue. We encourage you to talk with your children about what sin is and about how we can overcome sin through virtue.

*"If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet.
I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do."
John 13:14-15*

Creating a positive relationship with Jesus and developing an understanding of the Bible and Christian morality is not enough. We must teach our children that we are called to be servants to each other so that the true goal of Faith Formation is not to enrich only our own lives, but the lives of those around us. We encourage you to talk with your children about creating good friendships. We also encourage you to participate in service opportunities with your children.

Project SAFE is designed to pass on a tradition of faith to the young believers at Andrew Academy. We know that we cannot do this alone; so we are asking for your help, as the first teachers of your children, to create a Christian culture where charity and love prevail. In addition, we ask that you assist us in making sure your children attend class regularly and communicate to us and your special needs or circumstances that may affect your child in the classroom.

Total Faith Formation is a life-long task! Please know that we are here, not only for your children, but for you as well. Please do not hesitate to ask questions about the program, the Church's teachings, the Bible, or any other questions you may have. Please let us know any way we can help.

Peace to your hearts,
The Project SAFE Team