

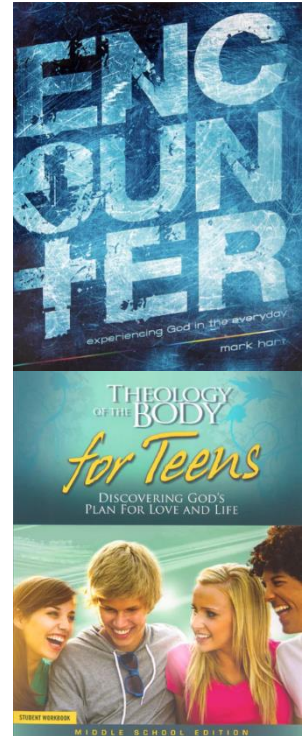
MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

This group will meet on Sunday mornings from September through May. The details of each grade-level curriculum are outlined below.

GRADE 6

Encounter: Exploring God in the Everyday

Encounter is a Catholic Bible Study that uses the Bible Timeline Learning System to reveal the story of our faith and God's plan for our lives. This captivating program guides students toward a powerful Encounter with God. It is more than a Bible study program. It is a life-changing experience that speaks directly to the hearts and minds of middle school aged kids. As your students are drawn into this story they will come to a new and profound understanding of who God is. Most importantly they will see God not as a distant doctrinal concept, but as a loving Father who desires a meaningful and lasting encounter with them.



Theology of the Body: Discovering God's Plan for Love and Life

The Theology of the Body for Teens Middle School chastity program is divided into unique segments that reflect the pedagogical approach of St. John Paul II's revolutionary teaching. The program gives sixth through eighth graders the answers to their tough questions concerning their bodies, their sexuality, and their future. The program has been designed specifically as a catechetical program to fit perfectly into Catholic schools, youth ministry, CCD, and homeschooling settings.

GRADE 7

Speak the Faith: A Public Speaking Course on Faith, Science and Reason

This compelling 15-week course is designed to help students come to know and confidently defend the Catholic Faith. Focused on common objections to Christianity that are prevalent today, your student will soon be able to demonstrate scientific proof that God exists, show evidence that Jesus rose from the dead and performed miracles, and explain why He allows suffering, among many other topics. Perfect as a religion class, a public speaking elective, or a confirmation prep program, this course provides speech templates and videos, and instructions for three public speaking workshops to help your students succeed in speaking convincingly about our Faith.



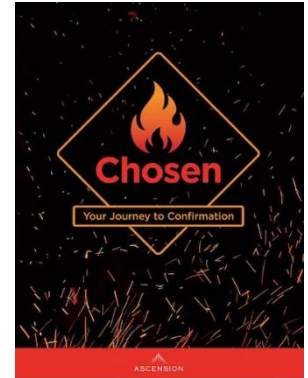
Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed

Altaration addresses head-on one of the biggest problems we all face: how do we get Catholic teens to appreciate the awesome beauty and mystery of the Mass...and to actually look forward to attending and participating? Through a unique learning experience, including powerful cinematography and workbook resources, teens will come to see the Mass and the priesthood in a dramatically new way. Altaration is designed to stir thought, create conversation, dispel myths, and inspire young souls to a deep and lasting love for the Mass. The goal of Altaration is not to fill teens' heads with information but to pierce their hearts with transformation.

GRADE 8

Chosen: Your Journey to Confirmation

Chosen has been used by thousands of parishes to present the Catholic Faith to teens in a way that keeps their attention as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Filmed in over fifty locations in the United States and around the world, Chosen features fourteen of the top youth experts in the Church today. Chosen was not only created for teens but also carefully crafted with you, the teacher and facilitator, in mind. We know that you live a busy life. The authors of Chosen, who are teachers themselves, have mapped out comprehensive and flexible lessons so that you can spend more time engaging with your students and less time on planning and logistics. Chosen will equip you and your team with all the tools and resources you need to help form young hearts into disciples of Christ, impacting families, parishes, and the Church ... one young heart at a time.



CONFIRMATION PREP / YOUTH GROUP

This group will meet on Tuesday evenings from September through May. It is optional for grades 6 and 7, but required for grade 8. There will be 24 meetings throughout the school year, all with different topics and activities. Students in grade 8 will be able to choose their dates of attendance – only 6 dates per semester (12 per school year) are required. Activities will consist of faith-based games, small-group discussion, and a pathway toward true Discipleship. Parent participation is highly encouraged and weekend Mass attendance is required.

QUESTIONS?

What program(s) do I need to register my child for?

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade: Register for the appropriate grade-level Faith Formation class on Sunday mornings. This is required of all students who do not attend a Catholic school and it is considered their *remote, formational preparation* (religious education). Students enrolled in Catholic school are encouraged, but not required, to enroll in our Sunday morning programs.

6th and 7th Grade: Register for the optional Confirmation Prep (Youth Group) program, held on Tuesday nights throughout the school year. This is optional, but encouraged for all students, whether they are enrolled in a Catholic school or not.

8th Grade: Register for the Confirmation program. This is not optional, as it is the *proximal, sacramental preparation* and is for all students, whether they are enrolled at a private, public, or Catholic school.

What if my child is in 8th grade or older but has never had any Sacramental Preparation or Faith Formation?

If you have a child in 8th grade or older and they have never been enrolled in Faith Formation or Catholic school, please contact Lindsay Sartorio (lsartorio@stpiusxnc.com) or Matt Lopina (mlopina@stpiusxnc.com) in the parish office to ensure they are placed in the appropriate class.