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The Catholic Community of St. Thomas More  
2010-2011 Faith Development Program

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Dear Parents:

We invite you to register your children/youth with the Faith Development Program at St. Thomas More. In this program, our goal is to assist your children/youth's development as disciples of Christ, a journey in which you – their parents – have the primary role. We do this by providing catechesis for all children/youth on Sundays or Wednesdays between September and May, along with social and service opportunities. *Classes begin September 19<sup>th</sup>.*

Please read the form carefully, taking care to complete all necessary sections for the program(s) in which your children are enrolled, including the sacramental history, medical/allergy information, photo authorization, volunteer/stewardship opportunities, and the enclosed yellow Personal Information Sheet from the Diocese of Raleigh.

**Please note that all participating families must be registered members of St. Thomas More. Parish registration forms are available at the parish office or at [church.st-thomasmore.org/fd\\_registration](http://church.st-thomasmore.org/fd_registration). The registration deadline for the Faith Development program is August 30, 2010, after which a late fee of \$25.00 per family will be charged.** Please send completed forms and payments to the address above and write checks out to 'St. Thomas More'. For your convenience, payments can now be made online. To set up online payment, please contact Denise Korynta at 919-942-6250 or [dkorynta@st-thomasmore.org](mailto:dkorynta@st-thomasmore.org).

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are normally celebrated in Second Grade and Confirmation is usually celebrated in Tenth Grade. **All sacramental preparation last two years.** If you have children older than this who need these sacraments, they will be placed in the appropriate sacramental preparation class for their age. Please read St. Thomas More's Sacramental Policy on page 8 for more details.

### TIME AND LOCATION FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

#### Elementary Faith Development

**Session 1:** 9:25 am - 10:40 am

**Session 2:** 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

All Elementary Faith Development classes meet in the STM Elementary School and Middle School classrooms on Sunday mornings. Please indicate the session of your choice on page 3 of the registration form. The youngest class in EFD is Pre-K. Children usually attend the same Grade in EFD as they are in school.

#### Junior High Youth Ministry (JYM) and High School Total Youth Ministry (TYM)

**JYM (Grades 6 - 8)**

Session 1 (**SUNDAYS**, 6:30pm – 8:00pm)

Session 2 (**WEDNESDAYS**, 6:30pm – 8:00pm)

**TYM (Grades 9 - 10)**

Session 1 (**SUNDAYS**, 6:30pm – 8:00pm)

Session 2 (**WEDNESDAYS**, 6:30pm – 8:00pm)

**WIRED (Grades 11-12)**

Session 1 (**SUNDAYS**, 6:30pm – 8:00pm)

JYM and TYM classes meet on Sunday or on Wednesday evenings. On Sundays, JYM classes meet in the STM Elementary School classrooms, while TYM classes meet in the Middle School classrooms. On Wednesdays, all classes meet in the STM Elementary School classrooms. WIRED and the separate Sacramental Preparation Program (First Eucharist/Confirmation) for older children meet on Sunday evenings only. Numbers will be limited at both sessions, so register early to ensure your child/children is able to attend the session of your choice.

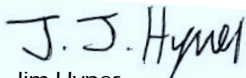
#### Home Catechesis

The Office of Faith Development provides support for families who wish to provide catechesis to their children/youth at home. More information regarding Home Catechesis can be found at [church.st-thomasmore.org/home\\_catechesis](http://church.st-thomasmore.org/home_catechesis).

### CATECHISTS AND VOLUNTEERS

Parents are encouraged to support the program as catechists or volunteers. This way you can take an active role in serving other children of the parish in their faith development as well as your own. The many possible ways of helping are listed in each program's section. In recognition to full-time volunteers, fees for Faith Development are waived.

Yours in Christ,



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**FAMILY INFORMATION**

Family Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Family E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registered STM Parishioner?  YES  NO If NO, please attach a completed Parish Registration Form available in the Narthex and online at [www.church.st-thomasmore.org](http://www.church.st-thomasmore.org) and click on "Join our Parish" or call 933-1041.

**CHILD/YOUTH INFORMATION**

CHILD/YOUTH FULL NAME	BIRTH DATE	GRADE	SCHOOL	SACRAMENTS RECEIVED*			
				B	R	E	C

\* Please indicate sacrament/s received with a check mark: B - Baptism; R - 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation; E - 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist; C - Confirmation

**SESSION AND CLASS PLACEMENT INFORMATION**

Please indicate session choice:

- EFD (Elementary)**  Session 1 (9:25am - 10:40am)  Session 2 (11:00am - 12:15pm)  
**JYM (Grades 6 - 8)**  Session 1 (SUNDAYS, 6:30pm – 8:00pm)  Session 2 (WEDNESDAYS, 6:30pm – 8:00pm)  
**TYM (Grades 9 - 10)**  Session 1 (SUNDAYS, 6:30pm – 8:00pm)  Session 2 (WEDNESDAYS, 6:30pm – 8:00pm)  
**WIRED (Grades 11-12)**  Session 1 (SUNDAYS, 6:30pm – 8:00pm)

For JYM/TYM youth, please indicate a friend you would like to be in a peer group with: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you providing HOME CATECHESIS for any of your children/youth?  YES  NO

If YES, please list name and grade of child/youth you will be teaching at home: \_\_\_\_\_

**FEES**

REGISTRATION FEE	\$ 100 per child/youth or \$250 maximum per family	\$
HOME CATECHESIS REGISTRATION FEE	\$25 per family	\$
JYM and TYM Speaker Series Fee	\$25 per family	\$
LATE FEE for registrations submitted after August 30, 2010	\$25 per family	\$
Fees are waived for full time volunteers (see other pages for descriptions). Are you willing to volunteer full time?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
No family will be excluded due to inability to pay. Do you need scholarship assistance? If yes, the Scholarship and Payment Plan Form (available from the Office of Faith Development or ) must accompany registration.		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>		<b>\$</b>

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received:	Amount Paid:	Check #	Balance Due:
Entered in ACS:	Scholarship Form Received:		

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**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Please review St. Thomas More's Sacramental Policy on page 8 .

**We will distribute a separate sacramental preparation packet to the families of children and youth receiving sacraments during the current Faith Formation year.** If your child is preparing to receive First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, or is preparing for initiation into the Catholic Church, and has not received their sacramental preparation packet by **October 17, 2010**, please contact the Office of Faith Development at 919-933-1041.

**PHOTO AUTHORIZATION**

There may be times throughout the year in which your child's photo may be taken individually or with a group. These photos are sometimes displayed in the Church or used on our parish web site. No names will be used in connection with these photographs. **Please indicate permission for each child/youth. If not checked it will be assumed photos are permitted.**

NAME OF CHILD/YOUTH	PARISH WEBSITE	CHURCH DISPLAYS
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

**CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION**

The Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection has mandated that all volunteers who work directly with children or youth in our parish be subject to full and complete background checks. This procedure will seek to ensure the safety of young people in our care. In addition, **all parents/guardians of faith development youth are required to fill out the enclosed yellow "Personal Information Sheet"** in the event that an occasional visit to the classroom may occur. All forms will be confidentially secured within the Office of Faith Development. **Parents who do not fill out this form will not be allowed to enter any faith development classroom or volunteer for any activity where children/youth other than their own are present.**

**MEDICAL AND ALLERGY INFORMATION**

NAME OF CHILD/YOUTH	MEDICAL CONDITION	FOOD ALLERGY	MEDICAL ALLERGY

Family Medical Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ ID/Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (other than parent) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child, in case of an emergency, to be taken to a physician or hospital by the STM parish personnel. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me. If I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the emergency physician to hospitalize and secure proper treatment for my son/daughter.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**ELEMENTARY FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

Our Program would not exist without the participation of many volunteers. Please consider the volunteer opportunities below, or bring your own innovative ideas to the Faith Development staff. **NOTE: People in full-time volunteer positions, indicated by BOLD PRINT AND CAPS receive free tuition for their children. Training and support is given for all positions by Faith Development staff. We usually assign a team of 2 catechists and 1 assistant per class.**

**VOLUNTEER NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

Session 1 (9:25am - 10:40am)  Session 2 (11:00am - 12:15pm)

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT MATCH YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS**

<b>VOLUNTEER AND STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>RCIA-C CATECHIST</b>	Work with children preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation and their families, weekly, and attend RCIA-C Catechist meetings and formation sessions
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>RCIA-C SPONSOR</b>	Journey with child who will be baptized, confirmed, and receive First Eucharist by attending 11:15 am Mass, an occasional class, two retreats, and the Easter Vigil.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CATECHIST</b> Do you want your child in your class? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Teach children older than Second Grade who are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. and participate in the Catechist Formation program.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>EFD CATECHIST</b> Do you want your child in your class? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Prepare for and teach Sunday morning classes; attend catechist formation program within our parish
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>ASSISTANT CATECHIST</b> Do you want your child in your class? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Support another catechist with the practicalities and logistics of Sunday morning classes; attend catechist formation sessions within our parish and, occasionally, within our deanery.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OFFICE VOLUNTEER</b>	Assist the program coordinator during the class period collecting attendance rosters, preparing resources and supplies, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>MUSIC MINISTER</b>	Teach music to children weekly, and plan music for special prayer services, programs, etc. Singers, pianists, guitarists, and other instrumentalists are also needed.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>BILINGUAL HOSPITALITY</b>	To welcome and assist Hispanic Families on Sundays and translate documents.
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Volunteer	Help with various one-time activities, prepare crafts for catechists, and assist in faith development office on an as-needed basis.
<input type="checkbox"/> Retreat Volunteers	Assist Directors in delivery of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Family Retreats.
<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute Catechist	Teach or assist teaching a class when other catechists are sick or unavailable.
<input type="checkbox"/> First Eucharist Ushers	Supervise First Eucharist celebrations during Easter season.

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**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY**

Because we serve so many young people, our youth ministry program requires the participation of many volunteers. Please look over the volunteer opportunities and indicate how your family would like to give of their time and talent for our parish community. Each family is expected to sign up for at least one activity. NOTE: Full-time volunteer positions, as indicated in **BOLD PRINT AND CAPS** receive a tuition waiver for their children enrolled in Faith Development.

**VOLUNTEER NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

Session 1 (**SUNDAYS**, 6:30pm – 8:00pm)  Session 2 (**WEDNESDAYS**, 6:30pm – 8:00pm)

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT MATCH YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS**

<b>VOLUNTEER AND STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CATECHIST</b> Do you want your youth in your class? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Lead a small group of youth. Training & curriculum provided. Catechists are asked to attend catechist formation sessions and occasional training seminars
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CATECHIST</b> Do you want your youth in your class? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Teach junior high youth who are preparing for First Reconciliation First Eucharist, and Confirmation. (Sunday evenings only.)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OFFICE VOLUNTEER</b>	Assists Coordinator of JYM during youth ministry sessions collecting attendance rosters, preparing resources & supplies, Sunday night sessions
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>TRAFFIC SUPERVISOR</b>	Attends youth ministry session to supervise the departure of the junior high school youth.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>JYM YOUTH COUNCIL PARENT(S)</b>	Attends most youth council meetings to supervise and mentor youth. Assist the JYM Coordinator with planning.
<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute Catechist	Serves as catechist on an occasional youth ministry session
<input type="checkbox"/> JYM Tech Support	Assist with the set-up and tear-down of technology driven presentations (3-4 times during the program year.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Presence Coordinator	Responsible for securing parents to be present on a rotating basis during youth ministry sessions.

**ONE-TIME VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pool Party (Aug 19)                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Food prep  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Potluck Kick-off (Sept 19)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Rec. Chaperone                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Supply Drive (Sept)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Ski Trip Chaperone (Feb 19)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater Rafting Trip Chaperone (Oct 9-10)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge Retreat Chaperone (Feb)                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Goods Collection (Oct/Nov)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Partner Reception (March)                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thanksgiving Basket Assembly & Delivery (Nov) | <input type="checkbox"/> JYM Overnight Retreat (April)                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advent Sales (Nov, after masses)              | <input type="checkbox"/> Wacky Game Night/5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Welcome (May) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Family Delivery (Dec)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Volunteer (May)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Family Gift Wrapping (Dec)            | <input type="checkbox"/> End of the Year Trip Chaperone (June)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Movie Night Chaperone (bi-monthly)            |   |

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**TOTAL YOUTH MINISTRY**

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**VOLUNTEER NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

Session 1 (**SUNDAYS**, 6:30pm – 8:00pm)  Session 2 (**WEDNESDAYS**, 6:30pm – 8:00pm)

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT MATCH YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS**

<b>VOLUNTEER AND STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>TYM AND CONFIRMATION CATECHIST</b> Do you want your youth in your class? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Lead a small group of youth. Training & curriculum provided. Catechists are asked to attend catechist formation sessions and occasional training seminars
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CATECHIST</b> Do you want your youth in your class? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Lead high school youth who are preparing to receive First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. (Sunday evenings only.)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OFFICE VOLUNTEER</b>	Assists Director of TYM during youth ministry sessions collecting attendance rosters, preparing resources & supplies, Sunday night sessions
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>CONFIRMATION COORDINATORS</b>	Responsible for coordination and implementation of events and activities related to Confirmation.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>ADULT PRESENCE COORDINATOR</b>	Responsible for securing parents to be present on a rotating basis during youth ministry sessions.
<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute Catechist	Serves as catechist on an occasional youth ministry session
<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Supervisor	Attends youth ministry session to supervise the departure of the high school youth.

**ONE-TIME VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potluck Kick-off (Sept 19)                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Volunteer   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Presence Volunteer                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Bank Coordinator                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Ski Trip Chaperone (Feb 19)                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IFC Community Kitchen Coordinator              | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat Planning Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater Rafting Trip Chaperone (Oct 9-10)   | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat Chaperone     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Family Coordinator (Dec)               | <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat Planning Team  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Family Gift Wrapping (Dec)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Lock-In Chaperone (quarterly)                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Family Delivery (Dec)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Movie Night Chaperone (quarterly)                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March for Life Chaperone (Jan 22)              | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Convention Chaperone (May)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Sponsor Dinner Volunteer (Feb 26) | <input type="checkbox"/> End of the Year Trip Chaperone (June)                     |

## Sacramental Preparation Policy

In the Diocese of Raleigh First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are normally celebrated in Second Grade and Confirmation is usually celebrated in Tenth Grade. **The Diocese requires that all sacramental preparation last two years.** The Catholic Community of St. Thomas More is ensuring that this requirement is met for all students. If in the previous year students have participated in Faith Development in another parish, they will be registered in the second year of the program upon receipt of a letter to this effect from their former parish. **Children preparing to receive the sacraments must be baptized Catholic. Evidence of baptism is required for sacramental preparation even if baptized at St. Thomas More.**

### First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Children should begin preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in First Grade (Year 1) to receive the sacraments in Second Grade (Year 2). Children or Youth older than First Grade who would like to receive these sacraments will be placed in a separate Sacramental Preparation program, with Elementary aged children meeting on Sunday mornings and Junior High and High School aged youth meeting on Sunday evenings. Junior High and High School youth will also prepare to celebrate Confirmation. All children or youth will celebrate the sacraments only after completing their second year of sacramental preparation.

Sacramental preparation requires weekly Mass attendance, regular attendance at Faith Formation classes (only 5 absences permitted), parent meetings, and family retreats.

If your child is enrolled in St. Thomas More School, sacramental preparation is provided by the school and parish Faith Formation classes are not necessary.

### Confirmation

The Confirmation Faith Formation program prepares candidates to fully understand the meaning of this Sacrament. It invites candidates to deepen their relationship with God, affirm their faith, and live their faith in the world.

Sacramental preparation for Confirmation usually begins in 9th Grade (Remote Year) in order to receive the sacrament in 10th Grade (Immediate Year). Youth older than 9th grade with no prior sacramental preparation for Confirmation will be placed with a Remote Year class. All youth will celebrate Confirmation only after their second year of sacramental preparation.

To receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, candidates must be in 10th grade or above, have a sincere desire to receive this sacrament, attend Faith Formation classes regularly, provide community and parish service, and participate in retreats and family meetings.

### What if my child has not been baptized or was baptized in another denomination?

Children who have reached age seven, up to age eighteen, are regarded by the Church as responsible persons with free will and a capacity for personal faith. Therefore any unbaptized child of seven years or more is expected to approach the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults adapted for Children (RCIA-C). A child or youth older than seven already baptized in another denomination will spend two years of preparation in the separate Sacramental Preparation Program. Please contact Jim Hynes at [jhynes@st-thomasmore.org](mailto:jhynes@st-thomasmore.org) or 919-942-6237 for more information.