

St. Croix Catholic Faith Formation

Special Needs Children Catechesis



“Welcoming is gospel. No person who calls himself or herself a Christian has any right not to welcome. It is an imperative from Jesus Christ to give a warm and gracious welcome to all who come to our door.” (Archbishop Harry J. Flynn)

Mission Statement

All special needs children should feel the embrace of Jesus through the welcome and inclusiveness in our programs. The general aim of our catechesis is to put the special needs child in touch with Jesus and in communion with Him.

Special Education Goals

- In respecting the dignity of each person, we include and support all special needs students in faith formation classes. Our goal is to help parents include their special needs children in the program option of their choice so that their child is able to learn the Catholic faith side by side with their typical peers.
- Our goal is to help the special needs child learn the necessary behaviors that are important for his/her participation in the Mass and sacraments.
- Curriculum will be adapted in such a manner that the special needs child can move towards the understanding of and reception of the sacraments with their peers, family and church family.
- The gifts of each special needs student will be valued and fostered within his/her religious instruction experience. We will strive to provide opportunities for special needs students to participate in worship and service with others of their parish community.

We have a Special Education Coordinator who works collaboratively with staff and parents to ensure catechetical instruction of all children within our tri-parish Catholic Community. Our program embraces the concept of **Inclusion**. Elementary children (K-8) with disabilities (physical/emotional/neurological) are welcome. Physical accommodations and curriculum adaptation can be arranged. Please inform us if your child requires special assistance. A **Special Needs/Medical/Allergy Information Sheet** is located on our website **Home Page** (www.scvff.net) under the **Registration** tab. Give us as much information as you can so that we are able to provide appropriate services & materials for your child. God Bless your efforts at sharing the Catholic faith with your child.

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