

**Faith Formation Program**  
**Ground Rules for Virtual Sessions**

So we can continue building the kingdom of God during the 2020 pandemic, the St. Isaac Jogues Faith Formation program has deployed a hybrid faith formation model. This involves a sharing of responsibility among the catechist at the church, and each family at home.

**The best way that this hybrid model can succeed is for families to adopt the following practices at home:**

- 1) Maintain a calendar with all the faith formation sessions with the catechist, the sacramental preparation sessions and the 'at home' faith formation activities.
- 2) Families preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation must attend ALL their sacramental preparation sessions. Attendance and participation to those sessions must be top priority.
- 3) **Confirmation** - Moving forward, we will release the Multimedia presentation on the St. Isaac YouTube channel prior to the Confirmation Session, and Confirmandi and their families will be required to watch it ahead of the session. We will notify you when the video is available, and will provide the link. On the day of the session, Confirmandi and parents will sign in directly to their respective classroom session on SIJ Teams.
- 4) **'Ghost Attendance'** - where the student signs in, but turns their video and microphone off, and does not participate nor interact with their catechist during the session nor respond to their questions and instructions. Students who do this will be marked 'Absent'.
- 5) **Please, treat the faith formation virtual sessions with the importance and formality they deserve.**
  - Schedule a space and timeframe away from distractions.
  - Do not multi-task during the session.
  - We strongly discourage signing in to a St. Isaac Jogues virtual Faith Formation session while driving/riding in a car. It is unsafe, and an ineffective way for the student to receive the St. Isaac Jogues faith formation program.
- 6) If technology is a challenge and you need assistance with SIJ Teams, please reach out to your catechist. We have SIJ Teams familiarization classes scheduled for the families.

