



St. Cyril of Alexandria Catholic Church
Christian Initiation for Children-CIC
(For 7years old never been baptized or baptized in another denomination)

*With great joy, the Catholic Community of St. Cyril wishes to welcome the children and their families who seek a closer relationship with God through the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation:

Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (Communion)

On this program your child receive religious formation, which is essential to his Christian Initiation. The religious education of children at an early age is based on personal conversion. They will be able to receive and nurture personal faith, recognizing the importance of awareness training. Parents are encouraged to participate in this preparation process according to the extent possible and provide their children with the support and good example (RCIA 254).

Explanation of the Process:

This process in for the families whose child(ren) over the age of seven years old who never been baptized and wish whom to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation *Baptism, Eucharist (Communion), Confirmation* and also for those baptized in other Christian Denomination and wish to receive the First Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church. This process takes **two years (school years)** with the following requirements:

- 1) Register to Religious Education Program that can be Sunday or Wednesday class at his/her grade level. In this program, children will learn to pray, to witness to their faith and practice their love with others.
- 2) Register in the Sacramental Preparation Program offered twice a month from 1:00PM-3:00PM throughout the school year. On this class requires the child has to accompany by one of both parents. Calendar with dates and special events will be provided in the first class.

Learning Process:

- ❖ **First year;** your child will experience the fullness of Christian celebration and understand the ways of carrying out their discipleship.
- ❖ **Second year:** your child approached the sacraments hoping to grow in faith, commitment and wisdom. He / she will begin participation in church life and develop an understanding of the gifts of the Holy Spirit

Requirements:

1. Good attendance is required in all classes during the two years (school years) in both the programs.
2. Full parent's participation during class. Actively participation in parish life and Sunday Mass.
3. Provide original birth certificate. If the was baptized in another Christian Denomination include the baptism certificate.

Important to know:

Godparents are an important part of the process and should be chosen early. They will be someone other than parent, who will support and encourage the child in his/her Catholic life. They must be Baptized and Confirm for a single person or married by the catholic church if is a couple. You will receive more information during the second year process.

Registration will take place during July and August.

The school year start in September and ends on April. Dates and any questions, please call:

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