

FAQs about the Cross Walk Model for 2019-2020

What is the goal of Cross Walk?

Our Cross Walk Model has two primary goals: to tie the Mass and Cross Walk closely together, and to encourage families to grow in faith together. With this model, families stay in the Church after 9:30 Mass. This Mass will also include Children's Liturgy of the Word and Children's Choir. Immediately following this Mass, the Proclaim begins in the Church with children and their parents. This way, parents can hear the same message their children are hearing, and can discuss this message at home all week!

What does the model look like?

When	What	Where
9:30-10:30	Mass	Church
10:30-10:45	Proclaim	Church – parents sit with their children
10:45-11	Walking	K-2 : Preschool & Anthony 3-5: Community Center & Siena
11-11:35	Small Group	Various rooms
11:35-11:40	Walking	Dismissal Locations
11:40-11:45	Send/ Closing	Dismissal Locations
11:45	Dismissal	Dismissal Locations

Will Cross Walk sessions fill up and close?

Because of the model, we have ample space to accommodate all 400 of our children in the morning. The only reason sessions or groups will close is if we do not have enough adult volunteers to ensure a safe environment for our children. Safety is our top priority.

I registered my child and signed up as an Adult Presence Coordinator. What will I be doing?

Thank you! Adult Presence Coordinators will act as hall monitors to ensure that each group has at least two volunteers. They will also make sure that children stay with their group, and will monitor the entrances/exits/restrooms. They ensure the safety of all those who attend our program.

I registered my child and signed up as a Small Group Leader. What will I be doing?

Thank you! Small Group Leaders build relationships with our kids. They will take attendance, get to know the children in their group, and facilitate/implement the lesson plan provided to them. They are provided with all the materials they need. To be a Small Group Leader, you do not need to know everything about Catholicism, but you are asked to invest in the lives of the children in your group.

I signed up to be an Adult Presence Coordinator/ Small Group Leader. Do I need to be "Level C certified", and if so, how?

Thank you! And yes. All of our volunteers must be "Level C certified", which is a Diocesan requirement.

To obtain Level C, applicants will need to:

- A. Complete a Level C Application – [CLICK HERE FOR THE APPLICATION](#) or visit https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Level-C-Volunteer-Application-and-3-References_rev-9.24.18.pdf
- B. Attend a Safe Environment Class
 - a. Classes are offered at St. Francis and at other parishes in the Diocese. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR A CLASS](#) or visit <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/safe-environment/>
- C. Upon Completion of the Safe Environment Class, a background check will be run.

For more information regarding Safe Environment, click on the following link: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/safe-environment/>

Should you have any questions regarding Safe Environment classes or Level C Certification, please contact **Trina Sugrue** at Trina.Sugrue@stfrancisraleigh.org, 919-847-8205 x245.

What will I do, as a parent, between dropping my child off at 11 and picking them up at 11:45?

We hope that you will be able to use this time to deepen your own faith. If you are up for trying being a Small Group Leader, it is really very easy. You lead with at least one other parent volunteer, and it requires no lesson planning! All of the materials and instructions are supplied for you. What it does require is your investment in the lives of the children in your small group. They learn from you as models of faith!

If you'd like to help out but do not want to be a small group leader, we have several other opportunities for parents. These include serving as an Adult Presence Coordinator to ensure everyone's safety, helping with set up for coffee & donuts, or acting as greeters for the 11:30 Mass.

If you'd like more information about ways to volunteer, please email Sarah.Bowser@stfrancisraleigh.org

I have a child that has not yet received First Communion. Is that program separate from Cross Walk and what do I need to do for it?

In short, First Reconciliation/First Eucharist preparation is a two-year process in the Diocese of Raleigh. This means your child participates in 2 years of Faith Formation, receiving his or her First Eucharist in the spring of their second year. One option for participating in Faith Formation is attending Cross Walk (the other options are attending Catholic school or doing our Home School program). There are a few additional events that take place in their second year. After you enroll your child in Faith Formation, please still attend a First Eucharist registration meeting. These meetings will be held May 9th, 14th and 16th. If you have a CURRENT Kindergartener (finishing Kindergarten in spring of 2019) or older that has not yet registered, please RSVP for ONE meeting here: <https://form.jotform.com/62304764767160>