

Churches of Resurrection and St. Michael Faith Formation



June 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We invite your family to take part in Resurrection and St. Michael Faith Formation for the 2011-2012 school year. If your family is new to the program, our most sincere welcome; if you are returning, welcome back!

Enclosed you will find registration information, the calendar of sessions/events, and the parent/student handbook. Again, this year we will have one Faith Formation Program with two class/session options. All sessions are held at St. Michael on Wednesday evenings. This registration packet pertains to children in grades 1-9 who are attending Faith Formation class, or who are interested in the Home Study option; explained later in this letter. Sacrament preparation information for second and tenth graders is explained later in this letter.

The early session runs 4:15-5:30 and is available for students in grades 1-5.

The late session runs 6:15-7:30 and is available for students in grades 1-9.

Please find enclosed forms to register for the 2011-2012 school year. There are four forms required to complete the registration:

- Family Registration Form (please fill out both sides of form)
- Medical Liability Release/Field Trip Form
- Handbook Agreement Form
- Volunteer Form

- Fee Registration is explained below

Here are a few things to keep in mind as you begin the registration process:

- ✠ 2011-2012 tuition is \$100.00 per child for registered parish members. There is a maximum cap of \$250.00 per family. To be included with the forms, please provide a check for \$50.00 per family which is considered your initial tuition fee. This will then be credited towards your full tuition.
- ✠ We have a special incentive-----if all forms are turned in by August 1, 2011, you can reduce your initial tuition fee to \$20.00 (this is a one time family credit). Registration by August 1, 2011 will help secure your session of choice and better prepare us the opportunity to get our classrooms prepared for the upcoming year.
- ✠ Registration will only be considered complete if all four forms and the initial tuition fee are sent in together. You also have the option to pay your tuition in full at the time of registration. Any remaining balance on your tuition will be due before the end of May 2012.
- ✠ If you need confidential tuition assistance or an alternative payment plan, please contact Lee Ann. No student will be excluded from the Faith Formation Program due to financial issues.
- ✠ We appreciate your timely registration. This helps us to better prepare for the upcoming year in determining the number of catechists and mentors needed, the number of classrooms required, and the amount of materials to prepare.

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Families with children in grades 1-5 will have the option of enrolling their child(ren) in either session. Please indicate your choice on the back of the Family Registration Form. We will accommodate requests on a first come, first serve basis until classes are filled. If a choice is not indicated, your child(ren) will be placed in the session with the best availability.

All families will find out the class placement on the Parent Meeting and Open House night, scheduled for September 28, 2011 at 6:00pm at St. Michael Church. Everyone is to meet in the church on this first night.

Registration for First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation will require separate registration forms. These forms will be sent to each family prior to beginning the preparation of each sacrament. Sacramental preparation is an important part of the formation process. Children will continue to prepare for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Communion in second grade; in accordance with parish policy, a child does need to be enrolled in Faith Formation or Catholic School in preparation for the sacraments. Children will prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in tenth grade; this will include attending high school Faith Formation sessions once a month or attendance at a Catholic School. Resurrection and St. Michael Parishes will join together to prepare and participate in these sacraments. Children attending Catholic schools will be joining us.

Families wishing to do Home Study with their child(ren) as part of the Faith Formation Program are to fill out the Registration Form and the Handbook Agreement Form included in this packet. Please indicate on the back of the Registration Form, your desire to use the Home Study Program. You will also need to contact the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible for additional instructions. All materials for Home Study will need to be ordered through the Faith Formation Office. The fee requirement for Home Study will be determined when materials arrive.

Dates to Remember:

- ✠ August 1, 2011—One time family fee reduction (\$30.00), if registered prior to August 1, 2011.
- ✠ September 28, 2011-- Parent Meeting and Open House 6:00pm. St. Michael Church.

The open house will begin in the church with prayer and a brief parent meeting. At the meeting you will receive important information for the upcoming year and we will answer any questions you may have. Following the meeting, your family will be able to go to your child(ren)'s classroom to meet the catechist. Refreshments will be provided in the cafeteria.

- ✠ October 5, 2011—First Formation Session—Child(ren) are to meet in the church.

Registration forms can be turned in by mail or in person at either parish office during regular business hours. Please do not hesitate to call the Faith Formation Office with any questions or concerns.

****Give Us Your Opinion**** There have been some families that have questioned if we would consider starting a kindergarten program at our 4:15 session. If there are families that would be interested in having this available for your child, please contact the Faith Formation staff using the contact information below. Please let us know as soon as possible; if there are enough interested families, we would like to start this for the 2011-2012 school year.

In Christ's Service,



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