

Churches of Resurrection and St. Michael Faith Formation



June 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We invite your family to take part in Resurrection and St. Michael Faith Formation for the 2010-2011 school year. If your family is new to the program, our most sincere welcome; if you are returning, welcome back!

This year there will continue to have one Formation Program with two options, both will be on Wednesday at St. Michael. One option is an after school option beginning at 4:15PM, and the other at 6:15PM. **There will be a change this year for time! Sessions will be an hour and fifteen minutes, so the first session will run from 4:15-5:30PM and the late session will run from 6:15-7:00PM.**

The enclosed forms enable you to register for the next school year: a Family Registration form, Handbook Agreement form, a Medical-Liability Release/Field Trip form and a Volunteer form to facilitate your participation in the program. Students may or may not be involved in fieldtrips, however their class does choose this option we will notify you well in advance. The completion of this form in advance helps to eliminate any last minute hassle. These **four** forms must be returned together at the time of registration. We have included this year's calendar for your family's information.

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

- 2010-2011 tuition is \$100.00 per child for registered parish members, however there is a cap of \$250.00 per family. To be included with the registration forms is a check for \$50.00 per family which is the registration fee, this is a credit toward your tuition.
- Please turn in all forms *together* by July 30. **It is vital that you register by our deadline of July 40 (we need to plan for both class sessions.) Our incentive to you is a \$30.00 per family tuition credit for registering by the July date. Also, in order to secure your session of choice (4:15 or 6:15).** If you register prior to the July deadline, you can just send \$20.00 for registration fee instead of \$50.00. Registration will not be accepted without the registration fee of \$50(or payment in full or \$20.00 if prior to the deadline), a Registration form, Handbook Agreement form, Time and Talent form, a Medical-Liability Release/Field trip form and a Volunteer form. Any remaining balance on your tuition is due before May 1, 2011.

If you need confidential tuition assistance or wish to make an alternate payment plan, please contact Lee Ann. We do not want any child/teen to be excluded from faith formation for financial reasons.

We appreciate your timely registration! The earlier we know of your child/teen's attendance and the session he or she will be attending, the easier it is to find catechists and mentors to serve at particular times. It also enables us to plan our classroom space wisely.

- For children in grades one through five, families can request that their child be enrolled in either the Wednesday 4:15 PM session or the 6:15 PM session. This allows families to place in the same session time all their grade 1-5 children as space allows. Please indicate your request in the appropriate place on the Registration Form. We will accommodate requests on a first come, first served basis until classes are filled. All children are of course guaranteed a space in one of our classes, but we cannot guarantee space in a particular session if the classroom size limits in that session are reached. We will notify you if your request cannot be granted because of space reasons.
- For grades 6-9 there is only one session—at 6:15PM. Sophomores will enter preparation for confirmation right away in the Fall—these sessions will take place on Sundays. There will be no Wednesday session for them—the preparation for confirmation will take the entire year—the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in April.

- Families who wish to do Home Study with their child(ren) as part of the faith formation program are asked to fill out the Registration Form and to please contact the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible for additional instructions. The registration process for families wishing to engage in Home Study are the same as for students enrolled in Wednesday classes. The fee for Home Study will be determined at the time of registration, based upon the necessary materials. All materials for Home Study will be ordered through the Faith Formation Office.
- Registration for the Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation processes are separate from the enclosed forms, taking place when each process begins. If you have a child of an age appropriate to begin one of these processes, you will receive notification at that time. Sacramental preparation is an important part of the formation process. Children will continue to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion in second grade. Both parishes will join together again this year to prepare for these sacraments, as well as the Sacrament of Confirmation. The registration forms in this packet pertain only to grades 1-9 Faith Formation. In accord with parish policy, a child does need to be enrolled in Faith Formation or Catholic School in preparation for the sacrament. For example, teens need to attend high school faith formation sessions or Catholic School in order to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation as a sophomore.

There is a **parent meeting and open house is September 22, beginning at 6:00PM**. The open house will begin in the church (at St. Michael) with prayer and a brief parent meeting. At the parent meeting you will receive important information for the upcoming year, and we will answer any questions you may have. After the meeting you will be able to go to your child(ren)'s classroom and meet his/her catechist. Refreshments will be provided. Our first class is Wednesday, September 29.

Again, the registration forms can be turned in by mail or in person at either parish office between 8 AM and 4:00 PM. Please do not hesitate to call me at the Faith Formation Office with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

In Christ's Service,

Lee Ann Lella
Director of Faith Formation



Fr. Bill Grevatch
Pastor