

Summer 2009

Dear Parents,

Each year at this time I write to remind you that it is time again to gear up for our Religious Education Program here at Church of the Resurrection. As returning families registration for you is easy as you need only call the office and update any information that might have changed, especially your child's grade. The only form we would need you to fill out is the Parent Consent Form as required by the diocese; this form can be found on the web site or picked up at our office. We will be holding registration this year on Saturday and Sunday August 15th and 16th if you would like to stop in and visit us or pick up the consent form.

We had to include a fee this year for those students preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation/Eucharist as well as Confirmation due to the increase in the cost of materials to us. You can see the increase on the registration form. Please know that we did not add this fee easily as we would never want to be seen as "charging" for the Sacraments. It takes more material and other books for these students and we need your help in meeting our costs.

I would like to thank you. Thank you for being a family that recognizes the importance of life long faith formation. There are so many options for extra curricular activities for our children and you understand that Religious Education is not "extra" curricular but essential. In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus called us all to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20) This verse is known as the great commissioning and you are making disciples each year as your bring your children learn, pray and play at Church of the Resurrection.

Finally, I encourage you to make it part of your lifestyle to go to church (Mass) each and every Sunday with your children. Your modeling as a parent as to the importance of Mass attendance and stewardship will go a long way in the faith formation of your children. We pray for each and every one of your throughout the year and ask that you do the same for us. May God bless you this year and always.

Sincerely,

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Director of Religious Education