

Sacred Heart Religious Education

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Dear Summer Religious Education Families:

Thank you for expressing interest in our Religious Education program offering. This coming year we are again offering our families two approaches to the faith formation of their children. Either option will meet the Archdiocesan requirements for parish religious education formation:

1. Our regular weekly Wednesday evening classes, which will continue to be offered September through April, OR
2. Our 2-week summer religious education program for 2010-11.

Our parish's *Generations of Faith* events supplement our current religious education program as well as our summer program. These events are intergenerational and have aspects for people of all ages, not just children but adults as well. **Families participating in the Sacred Heart Summer Religious Education program must participate in our intergenerational *Generations of Faith*/Family Night events throughout the 2010-11 year.** As Summer Families, you will need to choose (5) events from our list of offerings that usually consist of (2) movie nights, (4) *Generations of Faith* events, a Family Night during Lent, and other events throughout the year. Remember that both student and parents attend together – and since it is an intergenerational program for all ages, other family members are welcome to attend as well.

Attached is a SUMMER Pre-Registration form for Religious Education for 2010-11. If you think the summer program will again work for your family, please take a few moments to complete this form and return it, along with a check for 50% of the registration fee to the Religious Education office. Please note the following items relating to our summer program:

- ✦ The dates are Monday, June 14 to Friday, June 18 from 8:45 to 12:15 p.m. **AND** Monday, June 21 to Friday, June 25 from 8:45 to 12:15 p.m. Attendance each day of the program is required for completion of program.
- ✦ Students participating in this program would come from the following categories:
 - 1st graders new to the Religious Education program
 - current Fall-Winter Religious Education students switching over to Summer
 - last year's Summer Religious Education attendees who've attended the required 5 out of 8 intergenerational *Generations of Faith*/Family Night events during the year
 - student's enrolled in other Parish Religious Education programs (attendance in a program for the previous year will be verified with your Parish Director of Religious Formation).
- ✦ A mid-morning snack break will be provided to the children. Parents are asked to pack a snack for their child. No snacks or lunch will be provided by Sacred Heart.

- × IF THIS IS A SACRAMENTAL YEAR FOR YOUR CHILD (i.e., First Eucharist/Reconciliation or Confirmation), your child must still attend the sacramental preparation sessions relating to their specific sacrament. Confirmation preparation sessions are held once a month and begin in May and continue September through February; Reconciliation/Eucharist preparation sessions are held once a month and begin in November through April. One year's previous formal or structured Religious formation of a child needs to have taken place before beginning a sacramental program.

Summer Registration 50% deposit is due April 15th with the Registration Form. The balance of the summer tuition is due preferably by May 28th or prior to the start of Summer Religious Education classes on June 14th.

Interested in teaching? If a high school teen, college young adult, or parent and teen together would like to assist as catechists in our summer program (good opportunity for the newly confirmed), please let me know. We have summer program materials that will be provided to all catechists, so you will have plenty of time to review and become familiar with the teaching materials, as well as meet with the Director for guidance.

Our regular Fall Program year registration forms will be available mid-April for those families wishing to enroll in our weekly program. If you have any questions regarding registration or our program, please contact us at your convenience. We want to be of assistance to you any way we can.

Your partner in ministry,

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