

April 6, 2009

Dear Religious Education Families,

It's time to register your child(ren) for the 2009-2010 school year! We require a separate registration form for each child in your family. Any 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must be registered for both the weekly Religious Education Classes and the Confirmation Preparation Program. (Confirmation registration forms will be sent out separately).

One change this year is that we have decided to open up the homeschooling option for all eight grades. Homeschool families teach their children using the regular textbooks at home. Families who do choose to homeschool must attend two Sunday family events during Advent and Lent as part of the successful completion of the program. Also, children in the second and eighth grades are required to attend all Sacramental Preparation Sessions in addition to the Advent/Lent events.

Please also note the change in registration fees. Religious Education enrollment in our parish has grown significantly in the last few years and we have implemented new programs to better serve your children. As a result of the increase in operating expenses in our office, the parish has increased all our registration fees as well. **If your family is experiencing a financial difficulty, please contact the Religious Education Office.** The following is the new fee schedule for 2009-2010:

<b>St. John's Parishioners:</b>	\$75/1 child	\$125/2 children	\$150/3 or more
<b>Non-Parishioners:</b>	\$150 per child		
<b>Home School Fee:</b>	\$40/1 child	\$65/2 children	\$90/3 or more
<b>Sacrament Fee:</b>	\$40/Reconciliation/First Holy Communion \$60 Confirmation		
<b>Late fee</b>	\$10/Family (for applications received after 6-30-09)		

*Payment MUST accompany registration form. Check should be made payable to St. John the Apostle.*

**We are always looking for adults to volunteer in the Religious Education Program as a Catechist, Aide, or Hall Monitor. As a courtesy for volunteer service, the registration fee is waived.**

If you are new to the Religious Education Program please be sure that a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate accompanies the registration form. Also, if your child is transferring from another Religious Education Program we require a transfer letter from the previous parish.

Classes are filled on a first come first served basis. Please return your registration form(s) as soon as possible as we cannot promise first choice availability for late registrations.

God Bless you,

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