

2007-2008 CHRISTIAN FORMATION – INFORMATION SHEET

Registration Materials Enclosed:

- Christian Formation Registration Form (Blue)
- Christian Formation Program Schedule (Green)
- Vacation Bible School –Registration Form (Orange)
- “Fun in the Son” information and registration for grades 6-12 (Yellow)

Registration Form:

- Please review the information on the front of the form and mark corrections/additions as needed. Then complete the reverse side of the form and check [x] the appropriate boxes.
- Pay special attention to entering the *school attending*, *grade entering* and *household e-mail*. This information will greatly help the office with classroom assignment.
- Note the changes to tuition fees. There are no additional fees for sacramental preparation, family program or the Sunday evening program. Tuition assistance and installment options are available.

Schedule:

- Please refer to both sides of the green schedule for important dates.
- There is a **required parent meeting** for all programs, *except Confirmation*, at the North Church on Wednesday, September 19th at 7 PM.
- **Improved Schedule**
 - **K4-K5:** Formation offered for these grades at 9 AM on Sunday mornings or at the Family Program.
 - **Grade 1:** Formation offered for this grade at the Family Program or on Wednesday evenings. *Catechesis for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist begins in 1st Grade - this formation, in addition to attending Mass and preparation at home, provides the foundation for these sacraments.* Therefore sessions for 1st Grade have been integrated with the Wednesday evening program and Family Program.
 - **Grade 1-5:** Formation offered for these grades at the Family Program or on Wednesday evenings. In consideration of your family schedules sessions will be offered at 4:30-5:45 PM or 6:15-7:30 PM on Wednesdays. Please indicate your choice on the back of the registration form.
 - **Grade 6-10:** Options for formation for these grades are the same as last year. Please check the front of the Christian Formation Schedule.
 - **Grade 11:** Preparation for Confirmation is intensified; requirements will be addressed separately. Families will receive a special mailing in the summer.

Parental Involvement: With a combined program of *over 700* students, many hands are needed to assure a high quality program. Archdiocesan standards are established for child/adult ratios in our programs. **We have newly established on-site training for parents or other adults to assist as catechists and classroom aides.** We encourage you to share your time and faith in order to ensure a successful program. Many catechists have commented that this ministry is personally enriching and full of joy. Opportunities for team teaching are strongly encouraged.

Family Program: The goal of this program is to offer whole community catechesis, that is intergenerational formation. Families come together to share a delicious meal, gather for age specific formation – including adult formation, family activities and communal prayer. *Children and youth follow the same curriculum as those in the traditional program within their own grade level.* This vibrant program provides a very convenient alternative for busy schedules especially with children across various grade levels. It is open to families with children in Grades K4 - Grade 10 and childcare is provided for younger children.

Sacramental Preparation – First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation: First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are normally celebrated in Grade 2. Preparation begins in Grade 1 and intensifies in Grade 2. Refer to the back of the schedule for extraordinary meeting times. Confirmation is normally celebrated in Grade 11. Preparation begins in Grade 9 and intensifies in Grade 11, including service and retreat components.