

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PARENT INFORMATION – 2010-2011

Enclosed is a list of our **volunteer needs for 2010-2011**. Please consider joining our “Religious Education Team” and sharing your gifts and talents with our faith community. There are many ways to help out in the program, and we value whatever time and assistance you can provide.

If your **child has any allergies** that we should be aware of, please include them on the Comments/Special Needs Section of the Registration Form.

The registration fee is \$125.00 per child, with a cap of \$325.00 per family. **If for whatever reason, you find this amount financially draining, please mail the Registration Form and send whatever you can, and contact Ann-Marie Baratta in the Religious Education Office to set up a payment schedule. Always remember, no child will be denied a place in the program because of economic circumstances.** For those families who can give more, donations are always graciously accepted!

Children who will enter the **First Eucharist Program (Grade 2)** will also be prepared for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (First Penance). If you have not already done so, and if your child was not baptized at Saint Michael Church, we ask you to bring a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate with you when you come to register.

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME: We offer a program for **children with different learning abilities** who are not ready to be mainstreamed into the regular religious education classes, on **Sunday mornings from 11:15am to 12:00noon**. All learning is visually based, entails limited language, and encourages repetition. For more information, please call the Religious Education Office.

Parent Cooperation is greatly needed and appreciated. As a parent in the religious education program you are expected to commit to the following: **Sunday Liturgy** is the central form of Prayer and Worship for Roman Catholics, and so it is expected that all effort is made to take your children to Mass on Sunday. **Absenteeism:** Catechists spend a great deal of time preparing the lesson each week for their students, therefore, we kindly ask you to please call your child’s catechist or the Religious Education Office when they cannot attend a class and make arrangements for any missed class assignments. **Discipline:** Proper conduct and respect for the catechist is asked of each student, if children prove to be continuously disrespectful and/or disruptive in class, the Catechist or the Director of Religious Education will notify parents. If there is no improvement, parents will be asked to be present with their child during class or teach their child the material that is being covered, at home.

Classes: **Kindergarten and Grades 1 – 5 (Sunday Morning Programs)** are conducted at the Parish Center: Session I: 8:45 – 9:45am Session II: 11:15am. – 12:15pm.

Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, (Weekday Program), Session IV, will be held on Wednesday afternoon in the Parish Center, from 3:30-4:30pm, providing we have teachers for each grade.

Grades 6 – 10 are conducted at the Parish Center on Sunday evening, Session III, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. **Please Note:** This year we expect to have one Grade 9 & 10 class to be held on Sunday mornings.

Special Programs will be held during the year. Parents are always invited to attend. Please check the Parish Bulletin for notification regarding dates and time. Parents of First Eucharist candidates are expected to attend the monthly parent/child celebrations.

Class Assignments will be arranged by the Religious Education Office for registered students. No Catechist is free to accept new students except registered students who have been assigned to him/her.

Cancellations: Weekday Program: Sessions would not ordinarily be held when public school classes have been canceled. **Sunday Morning/Evening Programs:** Cancellations of classes: Parents will be notified by their child’s catechist; announcement at the 10:00 a.m. Family Liturgy; and over Radio Station WBZ.