

August 2010

Dear Faith Formation Parents,

I hope your family is having a wonderful summer. Enclosed you will find registration materials for the Sunday preschool program, children ages four and five, as well as the elementary faith formation program for grades one through five for the school year 2010-2011.

The elementary year begins with a kick-off celebration on Wednesday, September 22, at 6:15 p.m. This is for all parents and children in either the 4:30 or 6:15 p.m. class times. This is a chance to meet your child's teacher and see the classrooms. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

The preschool program begins on Sunday, September 26, at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. This year we will be using the series "God Made the World" for the preschool and "God Loves Us" for those entering kindergarten. Both series are from Loyola Press and fit nicely with our faith formation programs for grades one through eight. Children must be four years old by September 1, 2010 to register for this program.

The tuition rates for the elementary and preschool programs for the upcoming year are:

\$80 per student for registered parish members  
\$100 per student for non-members  
\$200 maximum per family for registered parish members

Please keep the payment for students in the primary programs (preschool and elementary) separate from the youth faith formation programs (middle school and high school) and return the registration form and payment to the parish office by September 1.

The parish community here at Saint Bartholomew has a tremendous history of active support for the formation of our children. Programs such as these are only possible because many people are willing to volunteer and share their faith with our young people. This year we are asking every parent to sign up to assist in the classroom once during the upcoming year. This will help make your child's faith formation classes a more positive experience.

If you are able please consider volunteering to be part of this year's team of lead catechists so that we can continue to provide our children with the best possible faith formation experience. Many hands make light the work; our aim is to always teach in pairs. Training is provided. If you are able to teach on a regular basis in our faith formation program, you may deduct \$80 from your total cost of the elementary and preschool programs.

A training workshop for both preschool and elementary teachers is scheduled for Monday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m.

I look forward to seeing you in September, and I am excited for what the year will bring.

Yours in Christ,

Jim DeShane  
Director of Faith Formation

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Enclosures