



Saint Joseph Community Children's Faith Formation

May 2010

Dear Families:

We are almost at the end of another year! I hope it has been enriching for you as it has for me, and that most of you will return in the fall. Please register early; forms for 2010-2011 will be on the parish website www.st-joseph-community.org soon.

Thank you to our amazing catechists: Mary Ann Bautista, Anne Cook, Stephanie Fluckey, Maria Haro, Phyllis Jones, Rochelle Kealohi, Raquel Layson, Susan Naclerio, Jane Neal, Jessica Orozco, Sal Robles, Kathleen Schumacher and Stephanie Skaff. And a very special thank you to Fernando Cortez and Tatiana Orozco who stepped in when catechists Lisa DeLapo and Bridget Monaghan left mid-year. Some are “veterans” who have served in the past while others are first-timers. Most (but not all) have children attending classes. Children's Faith Formation cannot happen without your help. Is it time for YOU to think about serving as a catechist?

CLASS SCHEDULE

- May 9: No class. Happy Mothers' Day!
- May 16: PK-6 as usual; Jr High at 5pm in Notre Dame Hall for **last Bridge Youth Ministry**.
- May 23: Last class and closing ceremony. Parents welcome. Finger food and juice requested. (*Wear red for Pentecost.*)

SACRAMENT PREPARATION UPDATE: Congratulations to all who have celebrated sacraments this year. I have been truly inspired by our young people – those with remarkable dedication in spite of personal tragedies, and others who have encouraged friends to participate and prepare for the sacraments themselves. Parents (and grandparents), you can be proud of the work you do as your children's first and most important catechists! Children who are starting their second year of Sacrament Preparation in the fall (in 2nd grade or older) will be contacted during summer; please let me know if your mailing address has changed.

HERO HEADQUARTERS: WHERE KIDS JOIN FORCES WITH GOD: Preschoolers to 5th grade are invited to Vacation Bible School co-sponsored by St. Joseph, Immanuel Lutheran, First Presbyterian and Christ Episcopal Churches. The weeklong morning-only sessions are June 28 to July at Christ Episcopal on Santa Clara Avenue. Registration ends May 23; information and registration forms available at www.st-joseph-community.org or the parish office.

OTHER COMING EVENTS (sneak previews):

- **Altar Server Training:** Children who have submitted applications will be contacted by Eric Bertelsen this month about the next training. (Students in 5th grade or older who have received Eucharist are eligible to apply.)

- **Safe Environment Training:** Basic training will be held at St. Barnabas Parish Hall Thursday **May 20** at 7PM, for those who have not yet been trained and would like to volunteer in parish ministry (or help with CFF next year).
- **Awakening the Dreamer; Changing the Dream.** Symposium at St. Joseph on **June 6** to explore a new global vision built on sustainability, spiritual fulfillment and social justice.
- **Relay for Life:** Twenty-four hour fundraiser for the American Cancer Society at Encinal High School track, **June 26-27**. Support St. Joseph's parish team!
- **Italian Dinner/Parish Celebration:** At St. Joseph on Saturday **August 7**.
- **Adult Confirmation classes:** start in the fall.

Check future bulletins or the parish website for more information, or call me.

BECOMING CATHOLIC: Newcomers are welcome to join the Wednesday night "Inquiry" sessions for adults who are considering becoming Catholic, as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Adult Catholics who have never celebrated Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation may also find RCIA helpful. Call me for information.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns; my number is 510-995-9409 and email afourre@st-joseph-community.org.

Blessings of the Easter Season,

Anne Marie Fourré
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