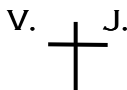


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May 27, 2010

Dear St. John Neumann Families,

Thank you for your generous contributions of time, talent, and treasure to our parish religious education program and for the continuing opportunity to partner with you as we share the richness of our Catholic faith with your children. We need each other for this important responsibility.

We continually emphasize the importance for all of us to come together as a worshipping community. It is crucial that children experience the richness of our faith at Mass. Our children are constantly learning from us. If they do not attend religious education and are not present for weekend liturgies, they receive the implied message that these elements of faith are not important. It is essential to keep the family tables and our community table of worship connected.

It is within the context of our community that sacraments are celebrated. The parish policy is that children must be registered in religious education classes for the two years immediately prior to preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Specifically, *Before First Reconciliation and Eucharist, children must have regularly participated in the first and second grade religious education classes, and for Confirmation, they must have regularly attended classes in the seventh and eighth grades.* This policy was first implemented for the current school year. (Home schooling during these years no longer fulfills this requirement.)

Enclosed are the registration materials for 2010-2011.

- ❖ Realizing the responsibility and commitment involved to be a teacher, children of catechists receive priority placement and tuition fees are waived. If you are able to serve as a catechist or session coordinator or are considering these important ministries, please contact Pre-K–8th Grade Coordinator, Laurie Hertneky—lhertneky@saintjn.org or 703-860-2815.

We ask that all registrations be returned to the Faith Formation Office no later than July 19.

Thank you for partnering with us! Whenever you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, we encourage you to contact the Faith Formation Office, 703-390-2340. We look forward to hearing from you!

Prayers and blessings,

(Rev.) Thomas E. Murphy, O.S.F.S.
Pastor

Mary B. Lyons
Director of Faith Formation

Enclosures: White—Registration Letter and Faith Formation Programs;
(Two-sided) White—Registration Instructions and Schedule of Classes;
Blue—Registration Form PK-8th Grade 2010-11;
Green—Youth Ministry Grades 9-12 Registration;
Purple—Music and Liturgy Letter and Liturgy Registration Form;
Yellow—Music Ministries Registration Form, Explanation of Music Groups.