

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
2008 – 2009

CLASSES STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2008, From 9 – 10:15AM.

REGISTRATION DATES: Holy Trinity School Office  
Saturday, August 23, 2008 9:00am to 11:30am  
Saturday, September 6, 2008 9:00am to 11:30am  
Saturday, September 13, 2008 9:00am to 11:30am

PLEASE BRING BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE FOR NEW STUDENTS.

Please register early so that your child will benefit from the full-year instruction, especially those attending Sacramental Classes. Remember that children in the Sacramental Program are allowed no more that 4 (absences) per year.

All Children will be in class the full 1 hour and 15 minutes each week. The time spent with us is minimal, and every minute is precious to our catechists that spend hours to prepare each lesson. **DO NOT ASK US TO EXCUSE YOUR CHILDREN EARLY SO THAT THEY CAN ATTEND OTHER FUNCTIONS SUCH AS LITTLE LEAGUE, SCOUTS, DANCING AND SINGING LESSONS, ETC.** We know and understand that emergencies can and will happen in any family. If this is the case, please come into the School Office so that we can be responsible for taking your child from the classroom. This is mainly for your child's safety.

FEES: Sacramental Program – First Year  
\$30.00 for one (1) child  
\$45.00 for two (2) children  
\$60.00 for three (3) or more children

Sacramental Program – Second Year (Includes picture/flower/misc.)  
\$45.00 for one (1) child  
\$72.00 for two (2) children  
\$100.00 for three (3) or more children

Continuing Program – Grades 4 thru 8  
\$30.00 for one (1) child  
\$45.00 for two (2) children  
\$60.00 for three (3) or more children

ORIGINAL BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE is needed to register new students in **Sacramental Classes.** *Textbooks used in our Religious Education Program are in accordance and highly recommended by Pope Benedict XVI and our Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education.*

## PROGRAM POLICIES

At Holy Trinity Church, we have a two (2) year program for First Communion students. The two years must be consecutive; if one year is missed the child will have to start the program over.

Students should make a genuine effort to attend Sunday Mass and participate with responses, singing and prayers.

### First Year Students

The first year will be the study of the liturgical seasons, celebrations and basic teachings of the Church. By the end of the first year of the program, the student must know the following basic prayers so that the student may proceed into the following year: Sign of the Cross, *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, & *Glory to the Father*.

### Second Year Students

The second year will be the study and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. The students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in April and the Sacrament of Eucharist on the First Saturday of May.

### Attendance

Four (4) absences for illness or emergencies will be allowed for the year (September through May). **More than four (4) absences and the child will be dropped from the Religious Education Program.**

If for any reason a parent needs to pick up their child early from class, they must come to the office for permission. If it is more than 15 minutes before the end of class, it will be considered an absence for the student.

### Tardiness

Tardy, more than 15 minutes, will count as one (1) absence. Lesson time is short, so please be on time.

### Change of Telephone Number

Please give us notification of any change of telephone number. We only use the telephone number to contact parents in case of emergency or when it relates to class work.

### Dropping off and picking up In front of the School

Because the school is within a residential area, we request parents/guardians to allow extra time when dropping off the children. When waiting for your children **DO NOT DOUBLE PARK** on the street. Please respect the residential owners.

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GUIDELINES**

*ORIGINAL BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE REQUIRED FROM EACH STUDENT*

**GUIDELINES**

Primarily, we ask that you **PURCHASE NOTHING** until the Religious Education Office informs you orally that your child is eligible to receive his/her **First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Communion.**

- 1. **GODPARENTS ARE NOT NECESSARY**, because you as Parents are primarily responsible for your child's Spiritual growth and development.
  - 2. **PROCESSION: FIRST COMMUNICANTS ONLY** will process into the church. Family members and guests will have seating behind the reserved pews. **THE CHILDREN WILL CARRY A WHITE LONG STEM FLOWER.** (Flower will be provided by office, the cost is included in registration fee.)
  - 3. **PLEASE: NO CANDLES, ROSARIES, BIBLES, GIFTS, ETC.** Please give the children their gifts after the mass.
  - 4. **PHOTOGRAPHS WILL NOT be permitted DURING THE MASS. VIDEO CAMERAS WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY FROM THE CHOIR LOFT.** Keep in mind that once you are in the loft, you must stay there until the end of the mass. **\*\*Please remember to turn off your cell phones and pagers while in the church.**
  - 5. **SPECIAL DRESSES ARE NOT NECESSARY.**
    - GIRLS:** White color, long or knee length. (not too wide, because it impedes the girls from sitting down). **NO HOOP SKIRTS. Veils are required. NO GLOVES. Dress must have sleeves, short or long. NO STRAPLESS, OFF THE SHOULDER, SPAGHETTI STRAPS OR TANK-TOP STYLES!! SLEEVES SHOULD NOT BE SEE-THROUGH. Fabric must not be see-through.**
    - BOYS:** Navy blue dress pants. White dress shirts, long sleeve. Dark dress shoes. Navy blue necktie. . No blue jeans or blue Levis. No sneakers. **NO COATS OR TUXEDOS! NO BAGGY PANTS!**
  - 6. **Parents & Guests' Personal Dress Code:** Please maintain a personal dress code in accordance with the Church and the solemn celebration of your child's First Holy Communion.
- \*\*REMEMBER, NO CHEWING GUM OR FOOD OF ANY KIND ALLOWED IN THE CHURCH!!**

**Thank you for your kind cooperation.**