

Star of the Sea Religious Education Program Newsletter

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Month of Mary



Summer Time is Here!

As the school year comes to an end and summer is around the corner, it is sadly time to say good bye until August.

This has been an amazing year and I want to thank all the catechists for their dedication and support in the Religious Education program. Each catechist invests their time and energy into each class because they care deeply about sharing their love of God and the Catholic faith with their students.

I also want to acknowledge all the students and parents for working hard at their class work and participating in the celebrations of the program and the parish.

During the summer, the Religious Education program may be on a hiatus, but it doesn't mean we take a hiatus from God or Church. I encourage everyone to continue to pray to God everyday, go to church on Sundays, read Bible stories to learn more about faith, and spend time showing our families and friends that we love them.

Thank you again to all and I hope everyone remembers to keep God in your everyday lives. See you all when we come back on August 22, 2010!

-Evie Fong, DRE



Congratulations to the following students for making their First Communion on April 18, 2010!

**Sicily Guzman
Christine Won
Victoria Wong
Alejandro Colindres
Jordan Mancuso-Curameng**

Also Congratulations to the following students for making their First Communion at St. Charles and St. Monica's!

**Lourdes Feria
Frank Duffy
James Duffy**



(L-R: Christine Won, Lourdes "Lulu" Feria, and Victoria Wong.)



Congratulations to Joshua Castro for having a Perfect Attendance Record this year!

Mary, you are a woman wrapped in silence and yet the Word born of your yes continues to bring life to all creation Mary, help us to say yes - - to be bearers of good news to a world waiting.

Mary, you are a virgin and a mother empowered by the Holy Spirit. Help us to open ourselves to that same life-bringing Spirit. Mary, help us to say our yes.

Mary, you are gift of Jesus to us, mother of the Church. Look upon our world and our lives. Pray for us to your Son that we might be renewed that we might help renew the face of the earth.

Mary, help us to say yes.

Amen.

*Blessed is the Mother,
Who lets the Lord be her guiding hand,
Whose faith brings her family courage,
Whose wisdom comes from God,
And whose children still stand and honor her.*



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Every year from early May to Mid August the Religious Education program is on Summer Break. This year the program will try something new so students will still have faith formation during the summer. Once a month, the Religious Education program will have Children's Liturgy during the 9:30 mass. After the mass, from 10:30 to 11:30am Sunday school will be offered for students in First to Sixth Grade. Students will get the opportunity to learn more about their faith through group activities. Each Sunday school session will have a specific topic. Topics will be announced as soon as it has been decided. The last session though will definitely be about the Assumption of Mary. Sessions will be held on **Sunday June 13, July 18, and August 15.**

For more information please contact Evie Fong.



Calendar Dates

May 9, 2010

**Mother's Day Brunch /
Graduation / Last Day of Religious
Education**

June 13, 2010

**Monthly Children's Liturgy
Summer Sunday School
Topic: TBA**

July 18, 2010

**Monthly Children's Liturgy
Summer Sunday School
Topic: TBA**

August 15, 2010

**Monthly Children's Liturgy
Summer Sunday School
Topic: Assumption of Mary**

2010 Religious Education Congress

During the weekend of March 19th to 21st, 5 of the catechists of the Religious Education program had the opportunity to attend the 2010 Religious Education Congress. It is an annual convention that gives Catechists from around the world the opportunity to get together and learn from one another.

Workshops held talked about living and sharing the Catholic Faith in relation to a range of topics such as music and media, politics, multi-culturalism, and technology. Several speakers which included Mark Hart, Matthew Kelly, Lisa Hendey, and Eva Marie Lumas to name a few, were amazing in their ability to engage and educate their audiences about how to deepen and share the relationship of God with others.

Catechists came away from the ReCongress feeling a deeper understanding about the Catholic Community as a whole.



(L-R: Beth Birog, Anna Feria, Lorna Feria, Lisa Dea, and Evie Fong. Picture taken by Angel Feria.)



Teachers and Support Staff Needed

If you having been looking for ways to share your love of God with others and you enjoy working with kids perhaps your

vocation is to be a teacher.

The Religious Education program is looking for classroom and substitute teachers and teacher's aides for the 2010-2011 school year.

If interested, please contact Evie Fong.



Web Resources for Students and Families

Catholic Kids

A great place to find info about products, books, and activities for the Catholic child www.catholicmom.com/catholic_kids.htm

Life Teen

Teen Life is a wonderful website for teens interested in developing and sharing their faith with other Catholic teens from around the USA.

www.lifeteen.com

JClub: A Catholic Place for Kids

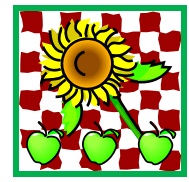
A media alternative for Kids

www.jclubcatholic.org

The Best Version of Yourself

A great website that helps inspires and educates people of all ages, and from all walks of life, to become the-best-version-of-themselves.

www.matthewkelly.org



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