

St. Christopher Religious Education

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today we celebrate the end of the 2009-2010 year of Our Lord: Religious Education Program. We have accomplished many great things and have celebrated many great events. The last of which was First Communion Sunday. The day was great although a bit wet, and the children were excited to receive Eucharist for the first time.

This coming Sunday on May 2nd, at the 9:30 mass we will have our all-grade family mass and annual May Crowning Ceremony. Our 8th graders and all of our First Communion students will be part of the court. Students in grade 1 – 7 are asked to participate in the procession. Each child will be given a flower as they enter the church. They will be asked to be part of the procession. After the procession they are to place the flower in the basket or vases that will be around the statue of Mary. May crowning is one of those traditions that many of us have experienced as a child. It is good to share those memories with your children before the day. Hopefully, devotion and honor to Mary the Mother of Jesus will continue to grow in our children.

Once again we are offering Vacation Bible School. The program runs from June 14th to 18th, 9:00 to 11:30. We offer this program to students who will be entering Kindergarten to 4th grade in the fall of 2010. This year the focus of our study and play will be the miracles of Jesus. Please encourage your young children to attend and your 2011 Confirmation students to help with the week and earn credit toward their service projects.

Last but certainly not least we have made some changes to our schedule beginning this coming fall. Grades 1 to 5 will continue to meet on Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:00. After much conversation with our staff, catechists and Parent Panel the decision has been made to adjust our Jr High schedule. Our 6th to 8th grade RE students will meet on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00. This change has come about due to many conflicts with after-school activities. Hopefully this does not add a burden to your family but eases some of the time constraints you have had in allowing your child to attend those activities as well as attend to their religious education. Tuition for next year will remain the same.

Thank you for allowing us the experience of sharing our faith with your children. Our catechists have put in many hours developing lesson plans and creating exciting ways for your child to build on his/her relationship with God. Have a safe and restful summer and I look forward to seeing you at our opening dinner in the fall.

Blessings to you and those you love,

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