



St. Charles Borromeo Church

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our parish records indicate that your family is currently registered as a member of St. Charles Borromeo, and that you have a school-age child who would be eligible to participate in our Sunday morning Religious Education program. Through this weekly program of catechesis, we strive to assist you as parents in forming your children as disciples of Christ by:

- † proclaiming to them the Christian message
- † preparing them for prayer and worship
- † instructing them for moral formation & Christian service
- † promoting their knowledge of the faith
- † fostering in them a missionary witness
- † building their sense of community

In order to continue the process of Christian initiation begun at your child's Baptism, and to properly prepare them to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation, it is important that your child attend a parish Religious Education program or be enrolled in a Catholic school.

If your child is not already enrolled in one of these programs, I encourage you to consider registering them for our Sunday morning Religious Education program here at St. Charles. This year's program begins on **Sunday, September 24th @ 9:45am** in our Parish Center. At least one parent/guardian should attend this gathering with your child.

For your convenience, I am enclosing a registration form in this mailing. This year's fee remains \$75 per child, with a maximum cost of \$175 per family. Please complete the form and return it as soon as possible to the parish office. Due to my later arrival at the parish, early registration will take a slightly different form this year. **There is a discount on all registrations received by September 24th** (see form), the day on which classes begin. Payment can accompany the registration, or you may defer payment until October 2nd; a statement will be sent and installment payments will be accepted. *If you need to make a special financial arrangement, please contact the parish office (410-486-5400); no child will be excluded from the program for financial reasons.*

If you are registering a child with any special learning or behavioral needs, please be sure to indicate in the space provided on the registration form and complete the enclosed *Questionnaire for Parents of Children with Special Needs*. Our goal is to provide a safe and welcoming environment in which *all children* can grow in their faith and experience the love of God in their midst.

May you experience many grace-filled blessings this summer; and may you discover God's presence in unexpected places! We hope to see you on September 24th.

Peace and blessings,
St. Charles Faith Formation Team

If your child is already enrolled in a Catholic School or Religious Education Program in another parish, please help us to update our records by completing the following & returning this letter to the parish office in the envelope provided (use back of form if more space is required):

Family Surname: _____ Child(ren)'s Name(s): _____

Name of school/program attending: _____

We are no longer parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo Parish (check if you would like to be removed from our directory listing)