

St. Charles Borromeo Church

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope amidst the sun and warm summer breezes, you will experience God's blessings in your family. To both new and returning families, we welcome you to the 2006-2007 year of children's faith formation at St. Charles. Please read carefully the enclosed information.

First, you will find enclosed the Registration Form for 2006-2007. Based on survey results regarding class times for next year, we will NOT be adding a weekday session. If needed and with creativity, we will seek to find more space on Sunday mornings to accommodate increased numbers. We are continuing to offer the Grade Based, Atrium, and At Home programs. Please read the registration form for descriptions of these. Also, the third sheet is an emergency/ special needs information and release form. Please return your completed forms as soon as possible to help in planning for September.

Second, because of the nature of preschool aged children, we are limiting class size in the Grade Based Preschool 3 and 4 year old classes to 12 children each. We will open a second class, if we have catechists to teach. We also limit the number of children in the Atrium classes due to the unique approach of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. For all programs, we are in need of volunteers to serve as catechists and fill other important roles. Please read the enclosed volunteer form and see how you might help serve in our programs.

In addition to weekly religious education classes, we hope to strengthen your role as parents in passing on your faith to your children. While our catechists aim to deepen the faith of their students, ultimately the development of a spiritual life begins at home. As a means of supporting families, we will schedule family events during the year. You will receive more information about these as details are finalized. We also have Liturgy of the Word with Children during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses when children can reflect on the readings together. This requires no previous registration or sign-up. Simply have your children join the group when they are dismissed at the beginning of mass. Finally, we hope to find other ways of supporting parents throughout the year.

If you have questions about any of the enclosed forms or any other aspects of Religious Education at St. Charles, please feel free to contact me at 703-527-5500, x119 or akaufmann@stcharleschurch.org. Also, additional forms are available at the Parish Office and will be available on-line at www.stcharleschurch.org.

God's blessings and peace to you this summer.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Director of Children and Youth Ministries