

April, 2008

Dear Parents:

Holy Trinity is dedicated to being “faithful to Christ’s command” by offering many opportunities for all baptized Catholics to mature in their faith. Enclosed is the registration information for the 2008-2009 catechetical year. The theme of the catechetical year established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is “The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church”.

Please read the packet, fill out the form completely (BOTH SIDES), and return it by mail or in person to the Faith Formation Office during the month of May. The registration form is downloadable from our website at www.holytrinityptc.org. Registration is required for all grades through Confirmation.

The success of our program depends entirely on your support! As our program continues to grow, so does the need for more involved parents. There are numerous opportunities for you to share your time and talent with us. Please take a few moments to prayerfully consider answering your baptismal call to serve by completing the volunteer opportunities portion of the form. **We can’t do it without you!**

Because of the large number of children and youth in our programs, it is necessary at times to offer class during Mass times. We have noticed an ever-growing number of children going to class but **NOT** attending Mass with their families. This was never our intent. Children should be attending **BOTH**. We also invite the parents and other adults to join us on Sunday mornings during the PSR sessions for “Faith Alive” sessions specifically designed for adults.

The Benziger Family Life Program is centered on five of God’s gifts – family, self, life, sexuality, and community – it is an optional aspect of our program intended to foster personal moral development and respect for relationships and life. An additional \$12 per child is requested to cover the cost of the text. Please indicate on the registration form if you are interested. Please note that this program will be offered as “Home School” in grades K – 4. Family Life in grades 5, 6, & 7 is offered during regular class time. All 8th grade students will use the Morality book from Harcourt which already covers similar topics.

The EDGE Middle School program includes the weekly religion classes in addition to an EDGE topic night, social activity and a praise and worship night several times a year. All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are encouraged to participate in all of these EDGE activities.

Our LIFE TEEN program for 9th – 12th graders continues year round. LIFE TEEN begins at 5:30 p.m. on Sundays with Mass, and is followed by Life Nights at 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. All teens are encouraged to attend the many different LIFE TEEN offerings, and by attending, 9th and 10th graders can attain their elective hours as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the 10th grade. Ninth and tenth graders have several options to fulfill their Religion requirements. Be sure to attend the parent meetings for your child’s fall 2008 grade. Meetings will be listed in the bulletin or call the RE Office.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and the RCIA adapted for children continues year round. Adults and children beyond age seven, who wish to receive the Sacraments of Initiation to be fully initiated into our Catholic family, may enter this process at any time during the Liturgical Year. Please contact us in the Faith Formation Office.

We thank you for your past participation and support of our Faith Formation at Holy Trinity, and we look forward to working with you this coming year.

Cordially in Christ,

Faith Formation Staff