



## St. Mary's Parish Religious Education Office

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Dear St. Mary's Families,

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The year for Religious Education has come to a close for most of the students and we are already planning on next year's program. A registration form for the 2011-2012 year and schedule for selecting class sessions is enclosed with this letter.

This year, in order to simplify your registration, we have printed out from our database your family information (2010-2011) as it appears **now** for your child or children registered and actively participating in our program. Please review this information on the front side and make any **corrections necessary** so that we can update our database. Then sign the front of the form.

**On the reverse side of the registration form** please select the session that your child can attend. Fill in **the emergency contact information**, the **Tuition Worksheet section**, and sign the **consent portion of the form** if you will give permission for your child to be photographed for the sole purpose of providing pictures for the Bulletin or Newsletter during religious education events.

**PLEASE KNOW THAT NO CHILD WILL BE DENIED ENROLLMENT DUE TO FINANCIAL INABILITY OF A FAMILY TO PAY THE TUITION FEES.** However, we do request that families needing financial assistance return the registration form before the deadline date of Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and complete either a **'Payment Plan Form'** or a **'Scholarship Form'** at the Religious Education Office.

As always, students will be assigned to classes on a first come basis. So please do not wait until September! We are not able to honor requests for placement of children in specific classes except for pastoral reasons. Our volunteer Coordinators and Teachers graciously offer their time and talents throughout the year to help St. Mary's children grow strong in their faith. Every effort is made to keep class sizes to a minimum so that children and youth will have an enriched learning experience.

1. **Registration Deadline is Friday, June 10, 2011.**
2. **Fees must be submitted with the 2011-2012 Registration Form.**
3. Registrations received after this deadline will go on a **waiting list** and incur a **late fee of \$25.00.**
4. Placement of children after June 11 may not be guaranteed if teachers are needed.
5. No Registration Forms will be processed unless fees are submitted at the time of registration or a family chooses one of two options below:
  - a. Deposit of 50% of tuition with **six monthly installments** for the balance with a completed **Payment Plan Form** submitted at the time of registration.
  - b. **Scholarship Request Form** submitted with the registration.
6. **SACRAMENTAL FEES:** These fees are above the \$300.00 family cap for Grades 2, 9, and 10.
  - Grade 2 – First Communion - \$ 25.00/Child.
  - Grade 9 (Year I) - \$35.00/Student.
  - Grade 10 (Year II) Confirmation Program - \$45.00/Student

**TUITION AND FEES:** Pre-K, K, & Grade 1 - \$ 50.00/Child  
Grades 2 through 10 - \$100.00/Child – Family Cap \$300.00

**CLASS SCHEDULE UPDATES:** All classes meet on alternating weeks except Pre-K, K, and Gr. 1. There will be two sessions offered this year, “A” and “B” with option for Session “C” - Family Based teaching by parents.

- Grade Pre-K, Kindergarten:** Sunday 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM. Meets six times during the year.
- Grade 1:** Sunday 9:15 to 10:30 AM. Meets a minimum of 8 class sessions during the year.
- Grade 2:** Sunday, 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM. Wednesday from 4:15 to 5:45 PM.
- Grade 3:** Sunday, 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM. Monday from 4:00 to 5:30 PM.
- Grade 4:** Sunday, 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM; Tuesday 3:00 to 4:30 PM.. (If there are not sufficient teachers by August 15<sup>th</sup> then class time will be from 4:00 to 5:30 PM.).
- Grade 5:** Sunday, 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM; Monday 3:00 to 4:30 PM. (If there are not sufficient teachers by August 15<sup>th</sup> classes sessions will be from 4:00 to 5:30 PM).
- Grade 6:** Sunday, 4:00 – 5:30 PM and Tuesday from 4:00 to 5:30 PM.
- Grade 7:** Sunday, 6:00 – 8:00 PM and Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:30 PM (16 Sessions for weekday classes)
- Grade 8:** Monday and Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 PM.
- Grade 9:** Meets twice a month, 6:30-8:30 PM. Days to be determined.
- Grade 10:** Meets twice a month, 6:30-8:30 PM. Days to be determined

**The Pre-K program will be open to 3 and 4 year old children.** Four year olds will be given precedence and three year olds will be placed as space allows on a first come first serve basis.

**TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS:** Have you have thought about teaching or volunteering? We invite you to prayerfully consider sharing your gifts and talents with us. Please see the enclosed **Green Volunteer Form** for our needs. There is no greater gift than to offer one’s time, gifts, and talents to help form our children and youth in their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ.

- We anticipate over 900 students in 2011-2012 and your help is needed.
- Wonderful grade-level Coordinators will support you throughout the year.
- Please complete the Teacher/Volunteer Form (green) and submit it with your registration form.
- All volunteers are required to attend *Protecting God’s Children* and submit a **CORI form**. We will be offering *Protecting God’s Children* in June and early September for new teachers and volunteers. While new CORI forms must be submitted every year, you need attend *Protecting God’s Children* only once.

**FAMILY-BASED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Parents who choose this option teach their children at home and are provided lesson plans by our grade level coordinators. Parents and Guardians **will sign an agreement promising to attend all teacher meetings held during the year to support their child.** Family based students are expected to submit completed work throughout the year.

Please call the RE Office with any questions or concerns at 508-429-6076. Visit our parish website at: [www.stmarysholliston.com](http://www.stmarysholliston.com). We wish you God’s blessings and a safe and restful summer,

It has been an honor to serve and assist you in your children’s faith formation this year. We are confident that your child’s experience this year will help them to grow in their relationship with Jesus and to recognize God’s love and presence in their daily life.

Yours in Christ’s service,

The Religious Education Staff