

Our Lady of the Annunciation



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Faith Formation 2009/10

Dear First Grade Parents/Guardian,

It is with great joy that we welcome you to our Faith Formation program. Your child's faith journey takes a new path as he/she begins the formal program of catechesis. **The role of the family unit is still the most important element in your child's faith development!** Your *Catechist* (faith formation teacher), is here to be a mentor for you, as you encourage and teach your child about our Catholic doctrine, traditions and rituals. We hope weekly participation in Mass and when possible "*Liturgy of the Word for Children*", at the

10 AM Mass each Sunday, beginning **Sept. 27th**, will be a priority in your family life.

This coming year we will ask your child to include *The Sign of the Cross*, *The Our Father* and *The Hail Mary* in their daily prayer life. Nightly recitation of the prayers is an easy way to memorize these prayers. Our text, "*Christ Our Life*", features hand-outs for the family with each unit. Please watch for these and share the activities with your family. We encourage you to ask your child each Monday about their experiences. This will reinforce the lesson for that week.

We will be hosting a special Parent/Child First Grade activity night:

Friday Oct. 16th 6:30 – 7:30 PM

You will meet your child's Catechist, see the room they meet in and enjoy song, prayer, activities and interaction with the other first grade families

Please plan to attend !!

The Catechists in the Faith Formation program at *Our Lady of the Annunciation* desire every child to have the opportunity to learn and grow in their faith in a safe, relaxed and caring environment. It is with this goal in mind we have created a "**Code of Conduct**" for our program. **We ask you to review the guidelines, found on the back of this letter, with your child.**

The first day of class will be Monday Sept. 28, 2009. We will meet each Monday there is school. The last day of class will be Monday May 3, 2010. Please park in the church parking lot and walk your child up to the double doors facing the Blessed Mother Statue. QUES buses will pick the children up at 9:00 AM to return them to school. We encourage all parents to come into church with their child on the first day; 8:15-8:30 AM. We will have handouts and opening "housekeeping" information.

Thank you for enrolling your child in our program.

**God's Blessings to each of you,
Linda Anunziato, Carol Ferone, Diana Kupillas, Karen Levine,
Annette Sacco,, RoSann Zeunges & Cathy Vesterby**

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Faith Formation Code of Conduct

Each child is expected to show respect for the catechist, our bus driver, his/her peers and for church property. When traveling on the bus children are expected to remain seated with quiet conversation. Children are expected to walk quietly to and from the bus and inside the church. Should we need to speak to your child about any of the above, a call will be made to your home. If possible we will have the child make the call explaining the reason they were asked to leave class. Our time with your child is short, we want each child to feel the welcoming love of our Lord and staff each time they enter our parish center. Please help them understand the importance of observing these simple guidelines.

Expected Behavior for Classroom

1. Respect for Teacher
2. Respect for peers
3. Respect for Church Property and classroom supplies.
4. Walk to and from the bus and inside the church building.

Expected Behavior for our Bus

1. Respect for Driver
2. Be Seated at all times
3. Talk Quietly
4. Respect for the bus as part of church property.

Expected Behavior for Parish Center

1. Arrive on time * No Loitering Outside the Church
2. Smoking, Drugs and Alcohol use is Prohibited
3. Respect for Adults, Peers and Church property
4. No Running or skate boarding.