

June 30, 2011

Dear Parents,

I hope your summer is off to a good start! I enjoyed working with your children this past year and am looking forward to another year of sharing the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith with them.

Once again the Cathedral's Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) will offer classes for children and teens in grades 1-12. Classes take place on Sunday mornings from 10:45 – 12:00. Because classes are scheduled between our 9:30 and 12:15 Masses, families are able to attend Mass together either before or after PREP classes. Please remember that attending Mass is the most important thing that we as Catholics will ever do and is vital to the faith formation of our children and for our faith as parents as well. We are so blessed to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist each week!

Enclosed are a class schedule, information on policies and procedures, and a registration/payment form. These forms are also available in the church narthex and on our parish website: [www.stpatrickcathedral.com](http://www.stpatrickcathedral.com). Completed forms and payments can be mailed to or dropped off at the parish office, or placed in the collection basket at Mass.

To help with the cost of books and materials, PREP fees for all grades are:

Before July 31 <sup>st</sup> - \$20 per child;
August 1 <sup>st</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> - \$25 per child;
After August 21 <sup>st</sup> - \$30 per child.

There is an additional \$15 retreat fee for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

No one will be turned away because of inability to pay. If you would like to discuss financial assistance or payment plans, check the appropriate place on page 2 of the registration form. Tuition fees are waived for children of catechists.

PREP classes will start at 10:45 on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with an opening gathering in the church for all students and their parents. Students will then be dismissed to their classrooms. Parents of teens in grades 9-12 should plan to remain in the church to learn about the material that will be covered in this year's teen class.

I ask you to prayerfully consider ways you can support our program this year. PREP volunteers serve as catechists, catechist assistants, substitute catechists, and building monitors, and help with celebrations, office tasks, and Coffee and Donuts. I will also be asking families if they can provide a snack at some point in the year to help reduce our costs.

This year we have a PREP family picnic scheduled for Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm at St. Mathew's Parish Activity Center in Dauphin - Father Paul Clark is graciously allowing us to use the space! This will provide a great opportunity to meet your children's catechists and for us to celebrate together as a community. We have two wonderful co-chairs planning away, so mark your calendars – we would love to see you there! Tickets will be on sale at church the last weekend in July and the first weekend in August. If you might like to volunteer with the picnic, please let me know. You can contact me at [recoordinator@comcast.net](mailto:recoordinator@comcast.net), in the parish office, or via cell at 717-917-0092 with any questions.

I hope you have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you soon. May God bless you and your families!

In Christ,

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