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Dear Parents,

The holidays are only a memory. Hopefully it was a good one for you. It's time to think about the 2nd Semester of classes. We do request that you keep track of the courses, dates and times for which you have signed up. Sometimes there is a long waiting list for certain courses and we do not know until the student doesn't show up for the first class and then it is too late to call someone on the waiting list. It is important to be on time for every class. It is difficult for the Catechist if students are coming in late. If for some reason the student is sick or will be late, please call the office (847-223-3071).

Sign up for these courses is on Saturday, January 21, 4:00 – 4:45 pm and Sunday, January 22 from 9:30 – 10:30 am in the hall by the Parish Center. 9th grade student will be allowed to sign up first beginning at 4:00 pm on Saturday. The record sheets for all the students will be available for you to view. Just a reminder for the present 9th grade students, you need to complete the program (30 credits) before beginning the Confirmation Program in Grade 10. There is only one more syllabus (summer) before that time. If 9th graders do not have their credits completed after the summer classes, they will remain in this program another year before going to the Confirmation Program. Use this opportunity to have them catch up on their credits.

For 9th and 10th graders only:

_____ needs _____ hours to finish
the program.

We are also asking that Grade 7 and 8 students do not sign up for more than 5 credits each semester. **We don't mind if a student works for 12 credits a year but we don't want students finishing the 30 credits in two years.** Please pace yourself and allow other students to enroll in the classes.

If only 8 students or fewer sign up for a class, that class will be canceled and offered again in the next syllabus.

If you have any questions, please call the office. As we begin the 2nd Semester, let us remember each other in prayer.

In Christ,
Sister Donna

A. Volunteer Service Opportunities

**PLAN PANTRY Contact person Michael Pimpo
(847-302-9904) - 1892 Nicole Lane, Round Lake Beach – Website is
www.afreeplan.com - 1 Credit - (8th and 9th GRADERS ONLY)**

The students are asked to contact the Food Pantry to make arrangements to volunteer. 2 hours of service plus donating 4 items to the pantry equals 1 credit. Obtain a form from the Religious Education Office or make up your own and have it signed by Michael and then return it to the Office. Note: Students are allowed only a total of 3 credits for Service!

Items needed at the pantry are: pancake mixes, syrup, cereal, juice, cake mixes, crackers, chips, granola bars, snacks, mashed potatoes, peanut butter.

Frozen items include: hotdogs, and all other meats.

Household items include: laundry detergent, dish soap, and paper towels.

Personal items include: shampoo, diapers, and hygiene products.

The students will help sort food, restock shelves, and clean for 2 hours.

**Service – Children with Special Needs
Contact Person – Sister Donna (847-223-3071)**

There are a number of opportunities in the community to assist with organizations that serve children with special needs. Information about service opportunities is available from the office. To find additional information contact Sr. Donna

**Service – International Fest VII
Contact Person – Sister Donna (847-223-3071)**

The parish sponsors an International Fest VII on January 29, 2012 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. There is a need for students to help at the beverage counter. There will be 4 students for each hour. You will receive 1 credit for this service opportunity. Virginia Biegel and Ron Prenta will assist the students.

C. Introduction to the New Testament and the Study of the Gospels – 4 Credits

Tuesday evenings 6:45 – 8:00 pm

February 7, 14, 21, 28 • March 6, 20 • April 3, 10, 17, 24

The purpose of this course is to enter more fully into one part of the Sacred Scripture, the New Testament. This study will give the student a deeper understanding of Jesus and what He means for us and for the world. The Gospels will be explored as to the person of Jesus, His life, and His teaching. Becoming familiar with the parables, miracles, and the death of Jesus, *etc.* will bring a new understanding of the Scriptures.

D. Sacraments – 3 Credits

Monday evenings 6:00 - 7:15 pm
February 6, 13, 27 • March 5, 12, 19 • April 16, 23

Sacraments are effective signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is shared with us. The students will study each sacrament relating its connection to daily life.

E. Commandments – Moral Decision Making – 3 Credits

Sunday mornings 8:55 – 10:10 am
February 26 • March 4, 11, 18 • April 15, 22, 29 • May 6

This course will begin with the story of Exodus and the giving of the Commandments to Moses and the Israelites. Each Commandment will be discussed including the virtue and value pertaining to it. The course will invite your son/daughter to renew his/her commitment to keep God at the center of their lives. Built on the foundational principle that each and every human life is sacred, the Commandments guide us in loving our neighbor as we love ourselves.

F. Prayer and Worship – 2 Credits

Sunday mornings 8:55 – 10:10 am
February 5, 12, 26 • March 4, 11

Throughout history, humanity has created a treasure of sacred symbols – for example, candles, incense, holy water, oil, icons, statues, *etc.* used to worship God. It is through a variety of prayer forms that the students experience (1) our love of God and (2) our need for God. Prayer forms will be introduced and experienced by the students.

H. Retreat – Running with Jesus – 1 Credit

STUDENTS NEED TO HAVE COMPLETED THE COURSE ON THE NEW TESTAMENT AND THE GOSPELS BEFORE SIGNING UP FOR THIS RETREAT.

Friday evening – March 16 • 5:00 – 10:00 pm

This retreat reflects on the life of Jesus and the commitment to live as a Christian. The students will have the opportunity to share what they know about the life of Jesus and hopefully realize what it means to live out their Baptismal Commitment.

I. Mass – 1 Credit - 2 sessions offered – A student can sign up for 1 session

Saturday, February 11, 3:30 – 6:00 pm includes the 5:00 pm Mass
Saturday, February 18, 3:30 – 6:00 pm includes the 5:00 pm Mass

STUDENTS SIGN UP FOR ONLY 1 OF THESE SESSIONS – THE MATERIAL WILL BE THE SAME FOR BOTH! The students will have the

opportunity to study the parts of the Eucharistic Liturgy and prepare the readings for this Mass.

- J. Mary and the Saints – 1 Credit**
Sunday mornings 8:55 – 10:10 am
April 15, 22, 29

Students will participate in a discussion of Mary's role in the life of the Church. Many of the devotions regarding Mary will be introduced. The Saints are guides and models for us to follow and imitate. They are also witnesses of what we are called to be. Students will have the opportunity to learn about a saint that is important in their lives (patron saint).

- L. Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles – 2 Credits**
STUDENTS NEED TO HAVE COMPLETED THE COURSE ON THE NEW TESTAMENT AND THE GOSPELS BEFORE TAKING THIS COURSE.
Sunday mornings 8:55 – 10:10 am
February 5, 12, 26 • March 4, 11

A study of the beginning of the Catholic Church is found in the book of the Acts of the Apostles. As Christianity spread to foreign lands, St. Paul and St. Barnabus converted many to become followers of Jesus. The Epistles are letters sent to the converts reminding them of their commitment in Baptism.

- O. Trinity – God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – 1 Credit**
Wednesday evenings 6:45 – 8:00 pm
February 1, 8, 15

This session walks the students through the three fundamental Scriptural images of God (the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and probes their meaning and implications.

- Q. Church Year – 1 Credit**
Monday evenings 6:00 – 7:15 pm
March 5, 12, 19

The Church year begins with the 1st Sunday of Advent. The students will learn about the symbols used for the various Church seasons as well as the meaning of the seasons.

R. Mystery of the Catholic Church – 1 Credit

Sunday mornings 8:55 – 10:10 am

April 15, 22, 29

There are many images that describe the mystery of the Catholic Church. Body of Christ, People of God, and Temple of the Holy Spirit are three images that will be explored in this course.

S. Religions Around the World – 1 Credit

Sunday mornings 8:55 – 10:10 am

April 15, 22, 29

The students will be introduced to various religions. Similarities and differences will be discussed in relation to Catholicism.

T. Stewardship – Time, Talent, Treasure – 1 Credit

Monday evenings 6:00 – 7:15 pm

February 6, 13, 27

This course is the study of our Baptismal commitment and the responsibilities that flow from that commitment.

REMINDERS

1. Postcards will be sent about a week before the session begins. **POSTCARDS WILL NOT BE SENT FOR CLASSES BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 1, 5, 6, and 7.**
2. If a student is sick, please call the office (847-548-2037) and discuss the matter with Sister Donna. In a 1 or 2 credit course, **no absenteeism is allowed.**
3. Sign up for this semester will take place at the following times:

Saturday, January 21 from 4:00 – 4:45 pm and

Sunday, January 22 from 9:30 – 10:30 am

in the hall in front of the Parish Center (gym). **9th grade students will be allowed to sign up first, beginning at 4:00 pm on Saturday, January 21.** If you are unable to attend the sign up, call the office after January 22 and we will sign up the students for specific courses over the telephone. **STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEFORE THEY CAN SIGN UP FOR SPECIFIC COURSES.**

4. Please note that some of these courses do overlap!
5. The master book of students' credits will be available at sign up.
6. For most sessions, students enter through the doors to the Junior High section of the building.