

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Registration time has arrived for the 2011-2012 Religious Education program. The program will again be held on Tuesday evenings, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The schedule for next year is being prepared, and it will be distributed to the registered families when it is complete. It will also be posted on the parish web site.

In light of smaller class sizes and the benefits of having all of the classes in Sag Hall, we will again be combining six classes into three this year. The first and second grades, third and fourth grades, and fifth and sixth grades will be combined.

Registration Requirements

All students enrolling must comply with the following registration requirements:

- The registration form must be filled out and submitted.
- The appropriate registration fee must be included with the registration.
- The medical form must be filled out completely and signed. (One for each child.)
- If your child is in a sacramental year (First Holy Communion or Confirmation), we must have a copy of his or her baptismal certificate, if the child was not baptized at St. James. Children in Catholic schools receiving a sacrament need not attend Religious Education classes regularly, but they must participate in the non-academic events.

Religious Education Policies

In addition to those noted above, I want the parents and children to adhere to the following policies, which undergird our Religious Education program.

Mass Attendance. Please remember that you, the parents, are the primary teachers of your child/children. We are here to help guide and instruct them. As your pastor, it is my duty to remind you that both you and your child/children must **attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation**. Religious Education class in no way substitutes for Mass.

Class Attendance. Each child must attend each Religious Education class. In exceptional circumstances, absences may be excused. If you are able, please inform the Religious Education Director prior to class.

The registration deadline is September 1, 2011. After this date, we will order books and school materials. Any registrations received after this date will be subject to a late fee of \$50.00. I look forward to a wonderful and blessed year for the children and their teachers. Have a wonderful relaxing summer, and we will see you in September. In the interim, please feel free to contact the Religious Education Director, Brian Tishuk, with any questions (630-596-3257; brian.tishuk@chicagofirst.org).

God Bless You All,

Reverend Edward D. Gleeson, Pastor