



## **SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Sacred Heart Religious Education Program provides a loving, caring, and spiritual environment in which all who enter are welcomed. The Christian message of worship, community, service, and prayer is the center of our program's existence. Through the celebration of the Sacraments and in union with the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, our desire is to guide the children entrusted to our care to know, love, and serve the Lord.

Our goal is to nurture the families who come to us for religious instruction and guidance, with compassion. We strive to hand on the faith with excellence to our children who are the future of our Church.

We offer Religious Education classes for Kindergarten through Grade 8. Children are expected to start their formal religious education in first grade and continue until they make their Confirmation in Grade 8.

### **REGISTRATION POLICY**

The child's Baptismal Certificate must be presented at the time of initial registration. If a child was baptized at Sacred Heart Church it is still the parent/guardian's responsibility to furnish the REP Office with a copy of the Baptismal Certificate.

To register a child in the Religious Education Program a family must be registered in SACRED HEART PARISH. Children of non-registered parishioners will be put on a waiting list and admitted into the program if and when a class opening occurs.

Any child who is transferring from another parish catechetical program or from a parochial school must bring a letter of transfer stating grades completed for religious education and sacraments they received thus far. The letter must be authorized by the previous parish Director of REP or school Principal.

<b>REGISTRATION FEES:</b> <u>2005-2006</u>	<b>REGISTERED PARISHIONER</b>	<b>NON-PARISHIONER</b>
1 CHILD	\$ 65.00	\$ 125.00
2 CHILDREN	\$ 85.00	\$ 145.00
3 CHILDREN	\$ 95.00	\$ 155.00

The 2005 – 2006 REP schedule is as follows:

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>GRADES</u>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>4:30 – 5:45 PM</b>	<b>K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, RENEW I</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>4:30 – 5:45 PM</b>	<b>1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>6:45 - 8:00 PM</b>	<b>3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8</b>

#### CLASS CANCELLATION

Please listen to the following radio stations for inclement weather cancellations: WGNY, WSPK, WBNR, WHUD. Please do not call the rectory to find out if classes are cancelled. If the NEWBURGH public schools are closed or released early, REP is automatically cancelled.

Cancellations are also posted on [www.whud.com](http://www.whud.com) under "Storm Center".

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

### **FIRST PENANCE/FIRST EUCHARIST**

- Child must be baptized or received into the Roman Catholic Church
- Child must attend **two years** of formal religious education before receiving First Penance and First Eucharist
- It is expected that each child making the sacraments of First Penance and First Eucharist attends Mass weekly and On Holy Days.
- It is required that one parent/guardian attend the Parent Meetings For First Penance and First Eucharist.
- It is required that each communicant attends the Communion Retreat.
- Child must have a proper knowledge of the sacraments and possess A desire to receive the sacrament

### **FIRST COMMUNION CALENDAR:**

March 2, 2006	First Penance Rehearsal
March 4, 2006	First Penance
April 1, 2006	First Communion Retreat
May 4, 2006	First Communion Rehearsal Group I
May 6, 2006	First Communion - Group I
May 11, 2006	First Communion Rehearsal Group II
May 13, 2006	First Communion – Group II

**Group I: Sacred Heart School and Mrs. Patterson's class**

**Group II: Mrs. Gannon's class and Ms. Trippedo's class**

## **CONFIRMATION**

- Candidate must have been baptized or received into the Roman Catholic Church and received First Penance and First Eucharist
- Candidate must be in grade 8 or above
- Candidate must attend Mass weekly and on Holy Days
- Candidate must have successfully completed the seventh and eighth Grades curriculum in a formal religious education program
- Candidate must attend the Confirmation Retreat
- Candidate must fulfill the requirements in the REP Confirmation Packet

### **CONFIRMATION CALENDAR:**

March 11, 2006          Confirmation Retreat

May 17, 2006          Confirmation Rehearsal

May 19, 2006          Confirmation

### **SERVICE HOUR OPTIONS:**

#### Parish:

1. REP volunteers (aide in classroom, share your Musical talent, artistic talent, craft ideas, etc. with the classes)
2. Volunteer for Church activities, such as Manicotti dinner, Giving Tree at Christmas, usher, clean pews after Sunday Mass, Sacred Heart League Boutique, St. Joseph's Table, Children's Epiphany Pageant, food drives.
3. Join the Junior Choir

#### Community:

4. Help with Calvary cemetery clean-up
5. Volunteer at local charities
6. Become a pen-pal to a home-bound parishioner or someone in a nursing home, VA hospital, etc.
7. Donate baked goods to a bake sale
8. Tutor someone
9. Recycle bottles and donate money to the poor or a local charity
10. Participate in a food or clothing drive
11. Help at a soup kitchen
12. Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity