



Interparish Religious Education Program

Spring 2009

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Thank you for your recent inquiries concerning the Interparish Religious Education Program at St. Ignatius Loyola Church. It is my pleasure to welcome your family to this catechetical program.

"Catechesis" or Religious Education is the process of communicating the beliefs, values and practices which make people Catholic Christians. It is the work of handing on, from one generation to the next, the faith that has come down to us and the way of life this faith calls us to embrace.

Growing in the faith is a life-long process that begins in early childhood and continues throughout one's life. On-going formation in the faith, therefore, is vitally important for every age of life. Our catechetical program assists parents to educate and nurture the faith in their child(ren). For this reason your active participation and involvement play a role that is integral to the program at St. Ignatius.

Here is some important information about our Program:

- Our program is an on-going formation process ranging from Kindergarten to 8th grade students. This means that there should be NO interruption in your child's religious education. The Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation are received during these years after the completion of required periods of preparation.
- Children attend classes each week on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Classes extend from 4:00-5:15 (Monday and Thursday) or 4:15 - 5:30 pm (Tuesday and Wednesday) for grades K-6 and from 6:00 - 7:15 pm for grades 7 and 8. Classes for K-6 are held in St. Ignatius Grammar School (48 East 84 Street) on Tuesday and Wednesday. For grades 7 and 8 classes are held on Tuesday and Wednesday at Loyola School (980 Park Avenue).
- We will continue to offer classes at our off-site center at St. Joseph Grammar School on 87 Street between First and York Avenues for Kindergarten, First and Second and Third Grades. These classes at St. Joseph's are held on Monday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:15 pm. We will also offer classes at Marymount School on Fifth Avenue and 84th Street for First and Second Grades. These classes are held on Thursday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:15 pm.
- We begin classes the third week of September (Monday, September 21 / Tuesday, September 22 / Wednesday, September 23, Thursday September 24, 2009) and finish approximately the third week of May, 2010.

- Meetings for parents **ESPECIALLY FOR NEW PARENTS** are scheduled throughout the year. Attendance is required at a Fall orientation session. In addition, periodic evening meetings are scheduled for parents of children preparing to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation.
- Every Sunday from October to June, at the 9:30 am Mass in the Church and at the 11 am Wallace Hall mass, the children process to the Lady Chapel or Loyola Chapel where the Liturgy of the Word is conducted especially for them.
- Tuition is \$350 per child per year. (Additional fees for first communion and confirmation are not included in this figure.) We ask you to remit tuition payment before September 30, 2009 or at the time of registration. Financial aid is available for those who demonstrate need. If you wish to pay by installment or request financial aid, you must denote this on the response form in the space provided.
- In early September a schedule of classes and events for the year will be available.

If you need further information or have any questions, please call me at (212) 861-4764 or e-mail to irep@saintignatiusloyola.org. I very much look forward to meeting you and your child(ren).

Sincerely in Christ,

Joanne Cunneen
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