

March 7, 2008

Dear Sacred Heart Parish Family:

Sacred Heart Parish community cherishes our children. As a community of believers we work together to raise them in the Catholic faith. Parents are the primary educators of their children and are supported by the Pastor, a religious education staff, and approximately eighty volunteer catechists.

The goal of the Sacred Heart School of Religion Program is to guide and assist parents in forming the faith of their children by:

- teaching them the doctrines of the Catholic Church
- teaching them the prayers and traditions of the Church
- familiarizing them with Sacred Scripture
- teaching Christian values and showing them how to live according to those values
- presenting them with opportunities to serve others

As our School of Religion program grows, we have looked at ways to best structure the program to meet the needs of an ever increasing student population. Our growth is a blessing and a challenge for us as we structure the program to ensure success now and in the future. We will continue to have two School of Religion sessions, however, the Tuesday evening session will move to Wednesday evening since most of the school activities and sporting events understand that Wednesday nights are set aside for church. The Middle School SOR program will move from Sunday morning to Wednesday evening keeping K- 5 on Sunday if needed.

In addition, beginning in 2008-2009 the program fees are as follows:

- \$25.00 book fee per student enrolled
- Minimum contribution of \$780 to the parish per family enrolled (\$15 per week offering)

At Sacred Heart, we firmly believe in Jesus' teaching of Stewardship: giving of one's time, talent, and treasure as a return gift to God for his many blessings. Your child has a right to the privilege of a religious education and these requirements will in no way preclude a child from participating in the SOR program. We are here to assist you, and encourage you to share any

concern you may have regarding your family's ability to meet the minimum requirements for enrollment. Please feel free to contact anyone on the Stewardship Committee to confidentially discuss any alternative arrangements you feel may be necessary.

Please plan on attending the Registration/Informational Parent Meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> or April 8<sup>th</sup> during the SOR class time in the Multi Purpose Center. You will have the opportunity to hear more details on the above changes, register your children for the upcoming school year and receive more information on First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation for 2009.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

As always, may God bless you and your family,

Tracie Kersey

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**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

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