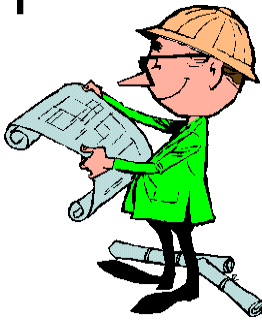


Faith Formation

Sacraments Under Construction Restored Order of Initiation

FROM THE DESK OF TERRIE BALDWIN, DIRECTOR OF CHILDRENS' MINISTRIES

For most of church history, the Sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) were celebrated in this order. Adults initiated into the church celebrated all three of these Sacraments in the same event and in the same order.



More recent times in church history have found the separation of these Sacraments. The intent of the Second Vatican Council was to restore the practice of initiating adults in the order of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This process today is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) that we practice here at St. Mary Magdalene.

In this spirit, our parish community seeks to maintain this practice with all parishioners by participating in a Diocesan pilot program initiated by Bishop Pilla, re-ordering the Sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist here at St. Mary Magdalene.

It is anticipated that in the **Spring of 2004**, the parish community of St. Mary Magdalene will invite all parishioners age seven and older to come and receive the gift of the spirit, Confirmation, if they have not already done so. Essentially this would be the beginning of the process of fully initiating children as early as the age of seven. The celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will be celebrated together in one event.

This article is just an introduction to the ideas, theology and process of the Restored Order of Sacraments of Initiation. Throughout the next year, many educational and informative opportunities will arise for everyone in the parish community to learn more. Through parish publications, such as this newsletter and the bulletin, and by meetings with our parish groups and other venues, we will join together in discovering the Spirit alive in our theology, practice and celebration of the Sacraments which bring us into the community.



This is an exciting transformation. We anticipate the year of 2004 to be filled with the Spirit for our entire Parish Community!



Next Year Parish School of Religion Registration Information

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Registration packets will be sent to all children who are presently registered for PSR and Sunday Preschool this year for the PSR school year 2002-2003 in early July. You can also register in person at the parish office, during regular business hours during the months of July and August. To help in the organization process please be aware that the registration deadline will be August 31, 2002. Cost will be \$55.00 per child, (\$35.00 for Pre-school). (*Financial Aid is available - Please contact Terrie or Fr. Ron.*) PSR classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. and on Tuesdays from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.. The first class of PSR will be held on Sunday, September 8th or Tuesday, September 10th. We look forward to seeing everyone again. If you have any questions about the PSR Program please contact Terrie Baldwin at (440) 943-2133, ext. 6107.

Volunteers Welcomed!

If you would like to help, I would love to talk with you! Please call me if you are interested in helping in any way with our Parish School of Religion or Sunday Preschool Program. Especially needed are loving adults who are willing to share their faith with children in a classroom setting. Please prayerfully consider this.