

St. Justin Martyr's Parish School of Religion (PSR)

At a child's Baptism, Catholic parents make a sacred promise to God, to raise the child in the way of the Lord and to teach him/her the truths of the Catholic faith.

Parents who have chosen to send their children to public school have a responsibility to give example of Christian living by attending weekly Holy Mass, praying and studying the religion lessons together during the week.



Parents' Baptismal Promise

A parent who participates actively in the life of the parish, and attends Adult Faith Formation activities, demonstrates to the child that God's presence in our lives is an on-going need and joy!

One and a half hours of religious education a week in a PSR class is not intended to replace home faith formation but only enhance it. The weekly PSR religion lesson aids the parent in carrying out their sacred Baptismal trust.

The Curriculum of the PSR Program

A spiral curriculum throughout the program covers many of the same topics each year, but focuses on one aspect of the faith directly. Children are encouraged to master certain skills in each year.

Grade 1 is the "Community of God with Us." Explaining basic beliefs of Catholic Christianity on the child's level, this year is considered essential to Sacramental Preparation and therefore may not be missed. (Year 1, First Sacraments Program)

Grade 2 is the "Community of Eucharist." Focusing on the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist and the Order of the Mass, this year is considered essential to Sacramental Preparation and leads to reception of First Penance and First Communion. (Year 2, First Sacraments Program)

Grade 3 is the "Community of Creed." During this year the students overview the basic beliefs of the Apostles' Creed and study what makes the Catholic Church different than other churches.

Grade 4 is the "Community of Laws of Love." A study of basic laws of God in the Ten Command-

It is clear that a child who misses even one of these years of instruction misses much.

ments and Beatitudes leads students to understand how to lead a good life.

Grade 5 is the "Community of Sacraments." The Seven Sacraments are a markedly Catholic belief and are explained and experienced in hands-on ways.

Grade 6 is the "Community of Hebrew Scriptures." Discovering the way that God worked long ago, they begin to recognize God working in their daily lives today.

Grade 7 is the "Community of Jesus the Christ." By studying the Life of Christ in the New Testament, students begin to accept Jesus Christ and build a relationship with him as friend and savior. This is fundamental for their Catholic journey through life and to the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of grade 10.

Grade 8 is the "Community of Church." Three aspects of being

Catholic/Church are "unpacked" this year: Catholic Sacraments, Church History and Social Justice. These are essential understandings to help the students make a choice about their commitment to the Catholic Church in grade 10 Confirmation.

We encourage children in grades 1-5 to join us on Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:00 am and grades 6-8 on Monday nights from 7:15-8:30 pm. **(Schedule 07-08 can be accessed on the webpage www.stjustin.net).**

2007-08 Tuition

Registered SJM parishioners: One child \$65, Two children \$80, Three Children \$85. **Early Bird:** Registrations received in full by June 11, 2007 may deduct \$10.00 from the total tuition. **Late Fee of \$10.00:** Registrations arriving in our office in person or by mail, after Labor Day, September 3.

Registrations are available in the church office till Labor Day Weekend. Call Sister Meribeth (946-3287) if there are financial difficulties or for information.