

# **Home Schooling Religious Education at Saint John the Baptist Parish**

## **Policies and Guidelines**

The Church has always recognized the fact that parents are the primary educators of their children when it comes to religious education/faith formation. This task carries with it an enormous responsibility, which must include commitment and dedication. With this in mind, the Religious Education Department of Saint John's has established these specific policies and guidelines for Home Schooling Families:

1) Home Schooling for religious education will be offered to any student/family in grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Due to the importance of the faith community and activities surrounding sacramental preparation, Home Schooling will not be permitted for students in the sacramental prep years of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

2) There is a certain continuity that flows from either a CCD Class or the Home Schooling process. In that regard, Home Schooling needs to carry with it a sense of accountability.

- a) Students/Families will be accepted into or can withdraw from Home Schooling only twice a year: September or January.
- b) Parent meetings will be held three times a year – September, January and April.
- c) Students need to be accountable for a certain measurable amount of knowledge of the faith. They will be tested on the material that was to be covered during a specific time period. These tests will be administered four times a year. Units 1 and 3 by parents at home and Units 2 and 4 by a Religious Education staff member in January and April at Saint John's School.

**For further information and/or questions or to sign-up for  
this program, please contact Mrs. Tarr at the Religious  
Education Office**

# What is CCD?

The Church has always recognized that parents are the primary educators of their children when it comes to passing on the faith.

One of the major missions of today's Church is to educate the faithful...that is where CCD comes in. CCD stands for Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. From its origin in 1905 in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, this Confraternity has been comprised of dynamic lay people filled with the desire to respond to the invitation of Jesus: to go and teach the Good News of His Father's love to all.

The CCD/Religious Education Department at Saint John's has been established to assist you, the parents, in providing the most up to date teachings of our Church in regard to the four pillars (fundamental principles) of our faith: Creed, Sacraments, Morality and Prayer calling forth Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

"Our" children will carry on the traditions of the Church so it is important for all of us to make sure they have a strong foundation in their faith of the Trinity, belief in the Church and what it stands for, and the ability to make appropriate prioritized decisions throughout their lives.

*To register your child in this year's CCD program  
for grades K through 8,  
contact Mrs. Tarr at 412-795-6376.*