

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church **Catechism Programs**

The catechetical programs offered here recognize that the parent is the primary teacher of the faith to the child. Ours is a supporting role that supplements the ongoing faith formation of the family. **Celebration of Mass and involvement in parish life is key to the catechetical experience offered in our programs.** Ongoing formation and growth is also important for adults, and parents are strongly encouraged to take an active interest in their own formation through involvement in parish life. **Your own attitude and involvement will speak volumes to your child, more than any catechetical program could ever provide.**

The following is a description of the programs offered this year at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

A) Year 1-8 Born of the Spirit Series, Monday 6:00-7:00 pm. This is the recommended program put forth by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and is the program our diocese recommends.

B) Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Tuesday 1-2:30pm ages 3 1/2 to 6yrs. This is a Montessori approach to Catechesis that invites the youngest child to know the Good Shepherd. Also supported by the archdiocese, the Atrium provides a peaceful quiet setting that has been made especially for them. Space is limited

C) RCIA for Children is for those children who are 7 and older that have not yet been baptized, or have been away from the church since baptism, and wish to become fully initiated into the church. Please see Maureen for further information.

Liturgy of the Word with children takes place on selected Sundays during 9 am & 11am Mass. Dates to be announced based on enrollment. Children will attend the opening rite of the Mass with their families and then will be invited to the library to hear the liturgy of the Word in a child friendly setting. They will return to their family during the collection, for the remainder of the Mass. This program is suited to 4-8 year olds (including our level 2 children preparing for first communion)

The primary purpose of this time is to provide a developmentally appropriate opportunity to celebrate the Word of God. **It is not Baby sitting or craft time.** Children should feel comfortable on their own in a group setting, however parents are always welcome.

First Reconciliation and First Communion usually takes place in level 2

Immediate preparation for Confirmation takes place within Year 8.

If your child is preparing for Sacraments there will be **take home preparation in addition** to weekly Monday night classes.

Children's Choir is lead by our music coordinator Heather Ryczak and takes place Monday's 5:30-6:00pm, the children are scheduled to sing every second Sunday of the month.

****** Once Again ******

The parish is pleased to offer free Catechism to our parishioners,
Donations to catechism are gratefully welcomed
Thank You!

Monday classes start October 3 2011, 6:00-7:00pm

Tuesday Catechesis of the Good Shepherd starts October 18th 2011, 1-2:30pm

Liturgy of the Word for children Sunday dates to be announced.

Registration Form on next page

Please fill out and return to Parish Office

Catechism Registration 2011-2012 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Family name _____ Home number _____

Family email _____

Primary Address of

Child/ren _____

Postal Code _____

Child/ren resides with both _____ mother _____ father _____

Father's name _____ Catholic Yes ___ No ___ Specify _____

work _____ Cell _____

Mother's name _____ Catholic Yes ___ No ___ Specify _____

work _____ Cell _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

Are you a registered parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help? Yes/no

Do you belong to another parish? Yes /no. If yes which parish _____

Parental/Guardian Consent

Permission is granted to take pictures and/or videotape my child/ren when involved in catechism activities or events and I understand these may be used on our catechism or church websites.

PARENT /GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:_____ DATE:_____

My child/ren may participate when snacks/treats are being offered at catechism sessions.

PARENT /GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:_____ DATE:_____

1)Child's name_____ Grade in school ____ Age_____

Date of birth_____

Attends catholic school Yes/No Last level of catechism completed_____

Registering for A) level 1-8 specify____ B) Good Shepherd C) RCIA for children/teens

YES!_____ my child will join the children's choir. Monday 5:30-6pm

Please indicate any allergies /health conditions we should know

about_____

Sacramental Preparation

*Seeking First Reconciliation and Communion_____ *Seeking Confirmation_____

Please submit a copy of child's Baptism Certificate with registration if seeking sacraments

Sacraments already celebrated:

Baptism____ 1st Reconciliation____ 1st Communion____ Confirmation____

2)Child's name_____ Grade in school ____ Age_____

Date of birth_____

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3)Child's name _____ Grade in school ____ Age_____

Date of birth_____

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