



The Basilica Church of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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Dear Religious Education Families:

I hope you are well and are enjoying a great summer with families and friends! It is time to register for the 2019-2020 religious education program. Registering your children at this time will allow us to make appropriate plans to begin the program in September.

To register your child(ren), we ask you to:

- Fill out the enclosed registration form, with one form for each child. Be sure to include your cell/text number and e-mail address. These will be our primary ways of communicating with you.
- Return the registration form and fee to Sacred Hearts by July 31.
- Enclose a copy of the baptismal certificate for any new or first grade child who was not baptized at Sacred Hearts

Students will not be able to register for the program on the first day of class. Registration forms need to be received before classes begin.

The fee schedule is the same as last year. There is a family registration fee of \$100 per family plus a per child materials and ceremonies fee. Make check payable to Sacred Hearts Basilica

- Per child materials fee for grade 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 - \$25
- Per child materials fee for grade 2 and 8 - \$75

So a family with a third grader and an eighth grader would pay $\$100 + \$25 + \$75 = \200 .

Our opening Mass will be on Sunday, September 22 at 9:30 a.m. Please make every effort to attend this Mass. Sunday religious education will begin that day and Wednesday classes will begin on September 25. You can check our website for updates and new information at www.shjmbasilica.org.

This year, we are introducing a new component to our religious education program. Five sessions on the class schedule are named "Faith in Action."

- On those dates, classes are not held.
- In place of a classroom session, students will do an activity that involves the wider faith community.
- Depending on their grade level, students will be asked to read a story with an adult, participate in a class Mass, watch a video on the internet, or other activity that is relevant to their grade curriculum.
- Catechists will inform students and parents about the activity several weeks in advance of each activity. Parents will also receive an e-mail describing the activity.
- The purpose of this component is to reinforce the understanding that our Catholic faith is more than what we learn - it's what we do and how we relate to our sisters and brothers.
- Detailed information will also be posted on the website after classes have begun.

As was done last year, the *Child Lures Prevention: Think First & Stay Safe* program will be presented to students in grades 1-6 by Sister Cathy Stare and other trained presenters. Parents will also be invited to an information session about this program. More information is available on our website. You have the



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opportunity as you register to opt-out of the program, in which case you will be given a home study pack to review with your child.

Thank you for participating in the important work of passing on the Faith to our children.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike

Rev. Michael A. Vetrano