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Dear Faith Formation Families,

Even though it is still very warm and we are enjoying the blessings of Summer, it is time to think about Fall Faith Formation. Registration is now open with a **deadline of Friday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>**. **All registrations must include the \$20 per child material fee and all tuition must be paid in full by Tuesday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>**. We are on a tight budget this year and we can't order the materials we need without your payment. Thanks for understanding.

**ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAYS BEGINNING SEPT. 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS IS ORIENTATION FOR ALL CHILDREN AND PARENTS.**

**4:30 – 5:45pm Pre-K through Gr. 5:**

Pre –K through Gr. 1: Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Gr. 2: Sacramental Prep for Reconciliation & Holy Communion  
Gr. 3 & 4: Level II Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Gr. 5: Liturgy and Sacraments, and Pre-Confirmation prep

**6:30 -7:45 pm Gr. 6,7,8:**

Gr. 6: Confirmation Class  
Gr. 7 & 8: Discipleship Class

**1. CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD for Pre -K through Gr. 1, and Gr. 3 & 4**

We are happy to offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to our young children at two levels. If you would like to visit the Atrium (our special classroom) call the office to arrange a tour.

**2. GRADE 5 PRE- CONFIRMATION PREP**

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade materials have a special emphasis on the Mass and the Sacraments. Preparation for Confirmation will also begin in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**3. CONFIRMATION IN THE 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE - March 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Veronica with Bishop Fisher**

Following our 2 year pilot program, we have been approved by the Archdiocese to continue to offer Confirmation in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Our materials are age appropriate for our young students and designed to inspire our young people to be open to the outpouring of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

**4. DISCIPLESHIP**

What does it mean to be a Confirmed disciple of Jesus? As a young teen, what does it look like for me? In our Discipleship gatherings we will guide the newly Confirmed to answer these questions for themselves and to use their energy and enthusiasm to be active, joyful missionary disciples in their communities. The newly-Confirmed will grow as disciples through prayer, scripture study and service putting into action those gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We will have some outings outside of class time, on a Saturday or Sunday. Permission slips will be sent home before the event.

## 5. FOR PARENTS

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION FOR PARENTS DURING CLASS TIME

For the adults of the parish we are happy to sponsor **Sharing Christ, part 3 of the Christ Life Program**. It is an amazing 6 week experience that will bring you to a deeper appreciation and understanding of the ways we can live our Catholic faith and share it with others.

Involving parents in their children's formation is good, but not enough. Parents need to explore their own spirituality and learn how to share their faith with others, especially with their families. From September 25 to October 30 the adults will meet during class time (4:30 or 6:30 on Tuesdays) to help parents achieve this objective. Many parents do not feel comfortable that they know enough about their faith to share it. "Sharing Christ" will help guide them to remember what they already know, to enhance their understanding, and to learn new ways of putting their faith into words and actions. These sessions are open to all adults, not just parents. Bring a friend or a relative. There is no cost. You may sign up at orientation on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.

### CORNERSTONE – A YOUNG ADULTS GROUP FOR PARENTS

**The Young Adults Group (Cornerstone)** is for adults in their 20's, 30's and 40's. They plan activities for families with children in the parish and events away from the parish. Watch for news from this joyful group and how to be part of the fun.

## 6. WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CATECHIST OR CLASSROOM AIDE?

Serving as a Catechist is a great way to increase your understanding of the Catholic faith and a rewarding opportunity. To share the richness Catholic faith with the next generation is a great honor. Please call the Faith Formation Office if you would like to explore the possibility of being a Catechist or an aide. **Free tuition is available to families who volunteer.**

We hope that you will take advantage of these many offerings. Come grow in your faith with your parish community. We look forward to serving you.

## REGISTRATION

Please return the enclosed registration materials by **Friday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>**. **Additional forms are available on the Parish website: [www.stbasileastpointe.com](http://www.stbasileastpointe.com) or [stveronica.weconnect.com](http://stveronica.weconnect.com).** The "Medical Treatment Release" form is needed for each child. If you need additional copies, see the parish website. There are also additional forms in the back of church. You may drop your completed forms in the mail, place them in the Sunday Collection (please place in a SEALED envelope marked Faith Formation), or drop them off to the Parish Office. **All checks are to be made payable to St. Veronica or St. Basil, whichever is your home parish. If you are from another parish, please make checks payable to St. Basil. Thanks.**

No child will be turned away due to an inability to pay. We are happy to work with you as needed.

In Christ's Peace,

Mrs. Mary Fortunate DRE  
St. Basil & St. Veronica Parishes