

SR

St. Robert's Religious Education

1380 Crystal Springs Road ~ San Bruno, CA 94066

Phone 650-588-0477 Fax 650-588-0403 e-mail: RelEduc@SaintRoberts.org

June 14, 2010

Dear Candidates and Parents,

I hope the summer finds you relaxed and well. Congratulations on successfully completing your Year I requirements. Our Confirmation Year II program is short but INTENSE. We have expectations and attendance requirements that must be met without exception. It is our intention to keep you informed well in advance in order to allow you to block these dates into your already busy schedule. PLEASE be aware – I cannot be supportive of your concerns if you don't address me directly. Any questions you have must come in a timely manner and I EXPECT that you will make every effort to put our Confirmation classes first over all other events. 5pm Mass attendance is a REQUIREMENT for our Year II program – No candidate will be excused even if they have already attended mass in the morning – This is a NON-NEGOTIABLE.

We have received our Confirmation Ceremony date, **October 23, 2010**. Confirmation Rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, October 22nd – 7:00 to 8:30 pm – Candidates and sponsors MUST attend. Confirmation Ceremony will be held on Saturday, October 23rd at 10:30 am – candidates should plan to arrive NO LATER than 9:45 am. Attire for the event will be discussed at our parent orientation meeting – this is a DRESS UP event! Please be sure to notify me IMMEDIATELY if there are any conflicts for either the rehearsal or the ceremony itself.

REMINDERS

Service Hours:

By now, all candidates are expected to have completed 8 hours of community service. Service hour forms should have been turned in to the office. If you have not turned in your forms, you need to have them in the office before June 25th. Included in this mailer is a sign-up sheet. 2 hours of service at St. Robert's Festival will be required – **I will assign your booth** – Candidates may not commit themselves to a booth.

Confirmation Sponsor:

Sponsors will receive an information letter in the coming weeks informing them of their role as a sponsor and about dates they are expected to attend class with candidates. Please check with your sponsor to be sure they have received the letter by August 1, 2010. If they have not received the letter please notify the Religious Ed. Office.

Confirmation Name:

Candidates have already turned in their Confirmation name choice and saint report. Remember- the Archbishop and/or teachers may ask why you have selected that specific name and one thing you learned about the life of your selected saint.

Retreat Weekend:

The Confirmation retreat is scheduled for October 2-3, 2010. Our retreat will be held at the Camp Jones Gulch located in the mountains near Pescadero. Transportation will be by BUS. The cost for the retreat is **\$85.00**. Cost is not intended to be prohibitive so we are charging only enough to cover bus and location fees. If cost is a concern, please call the Religious Education Office. Retreat fees must be paid **BEFORE** the retreat date. Candidates will receive information for the retreat including permission slip and detailed supply list at the August 29th, class session. Candidates who anticipate a conflict with the retreat date **MUST** notify Joanne at the first class – no allowances will be made after that date. School sport events are not a reason to miss the retreat.

CLASSES/SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2010

Scheduled classes will resume in August. They will be held on Sundays from 3:30 – 5:00PM followed by **MANDATORY** mass attendance seated as a class and will include the following:

August 29, 2010 (SUNDAY)

A Parent Meeting and Discussion Night, where candidates participate in a discussion lesson with their parents about what it means to be a practicing Confirmed Catholic at St. Robert's Parish. How do they plan to follow through and give back to their parish? Students will also receive their times for festival service hours and receive information about retreat weekend. One parent must attend and participate with their candidate.

September 12, 2010 (SUNDAY)

A Sponsor Meeting followed by Presentation Mass- Our regular Sponsor meeting format will be followed by the Presentation Mass. Students will be presented to the Parish during Mass on Sept. 12th. Sponsors and Parents will stand during the mass to respond to their commitment to support the Candidates in their preparation and follow through of their commitment. **Candidates are expected to dress nicely; slacks are OK- but no TORN JEANS, SHORTS, SWEATSHIRTS, or FLIP FLOPS.**

September 17-19, 2010

St. Robert's Festival Weekend. Candidates will be asked to sign up for and complete 2 hours of service to the parish by assisting with a booth at the Parish Festival. All booth assignments must be made by Joanne.

October 2-3, 2010

Retreat Weekend- please plan for candidates to be gone Saturday morning (8am) through Sunday evening (5pm Mass attendance). Details will be handed out at the August 29th class session. Conflicts must be brought to Joanne's attention by August 29th!

October 17, 2010 (SUNDAY)

A review class and Confirmation Ceremony Prep. - Students will review in-groups the information they have learned for Confirmation Preparation. This class will explain further the actual ceremony and students will be expected to explain their Confirmation name selection. Traditionally we try to schedule a reconciliation ceremony for this Sunday.

October 22, 2010 (FRIDAY)

Rehearsal for Confirmation Ceremony- Please plan for candidates and sponsors to be available for this rehearsal. Rehearsal will be held from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. A parent may stand in for this rehearsal if the sponsor is not available.

October 23, 2010 (SATURDAY) – 10:30 am – Confirmation Ceremony

Candidate and Sponsor must arrive in Hennessey Hall **NO LATER** than 9:45 am – any candidate in inappropriate attire will be sent home!

The Religious Education Office is open limited hours during the summer. Phone messages and e-mail messages are checked weekly. If you have any questions feel free to contact me via e-mail at jobartSRRE@ yahoo.com or releduc@saintroberts.org

Sincerely,

Joanne Bartolotti