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The Newsletter for Religious Education and Faith Formation at
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September Calendar

- Sept. Registration for Religious Education Classes Continues
- New registration forms have been mailed to those families who had children enrolled in Religious Education Classes last year.
- Religious Education registration forms for new families are available at church entrances.
- Sept. 12 Catechist in-service; 7:00 PM at Cardinal Maida Academy.
- Sept. 18 Youth Group Trip to the Pitt Nationality Rooms
- Sept. 18 St. Gertrude
- Sept. 19 Parish
- Sept. 20 Mission
- Sept. 26 Religious Education classes begin at CMA, 6:30 PM

REMINDER

Please remember that children who are planning on taking part in CYO sponsored activities such as basketball must be enrolled and attending Religious Education classes regularly to be eligible for the team. We are offering Religious Education classes for seventh and eighth grade this year.

Coordinator's Corner: Building a Firm Foundation of Faith

Have you ever stood on a sandy beach in bare feet? When a wave washes ashore and then recedes, it pulls away the sand and leaves you perched on a small mound just large enough to support you. There is a sense of precariousness at being on such terra *un-firma*.

Jesus draws upon the images of rock and sand to differentiate between the firm foundation provided to those who hear his words and fail to live them out. It is an illustration that is as useful today as it was over 2000 years ago. Who, after all, would

choose to build a house on shifting sand, and then live with the perpetual prospect of having it reduced to rubble by currents of wind and sea?

"In Jesus' way of teaching and forming his disciples, we see the convincing model for all communications of faith"
 (GDC, 137)

The foundations of faith are laid early in life. We are shored up within our families by words of love, affirmation, acceptance, and nurturance, and by being taught

kindness, forgiveness, mercy, and generosity. We are further stabilized when we move out into a broader world and find others with whom to learn and share what we believe. The words of Jesus call us to be light to the world and salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13-16), to give generously to the poor (Mark 10:21), to forgive often (Matthew 18:21-22), and to trust in God's generous bounty (Matthew 6:25-27). These are the words that disciples (those who call themselves Christians) are to live by.

Religious Education Class Registration

This year the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) will take place at Cardinal Maida Academy in Vandergrift on Monday nights from 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM.

Registration began August 1 and is continuing through September.

Registration forms for new families are available at the entrances to the church or you may download forms from the parish website.

Forms may be returned by mail or in person to the parish office or dropped in the collection.

Children should be registered for a classes before the first day.

Because of the expanded program, there is still a need for classroom aides and catechists. Please contact the parish office for more information.

