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# OVERVIEW
# School of Religion (SOR)
# Grades Pre-K through 8
# 2011-2012

## MASS ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

- Attending Mass on Sundays and holy days with your children is the most important responsibility you have as your child's parent and teacher.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is offered most Sundays during the school year at the 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 Masses. Look for more information about this wonderful ministry in August.

## SOR OPTION #1: TRADITIONAL WEEKLY PROGRAM

- Sunday Mornings @ 10:15–11:15am (Grades Pre-K thru 6)
- Classes begin **September 25, 2011**.
- Call to Faith and Growing in Love Texts (Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division Publishers) are the materials to be used
- Parents are required to review texts and homework assignments with students each week.
- Parents who volunteer for regularly for this program may be eligible for tuition assistance.

## SOR OPTION #2: FAMILY STUDY & WORKSHOPS

- Grades 1-8 (Grades 7 and 8 are required to participate in this program)
- Parent Orientation will take place on **September 12, 2011 @ 7pm** in the Auditorium. Program requirements and materials will be distributed and discussed at this time at this mandatory meeting.
- Family Workshops meet one Tuesday a month from October thru April @ 7:00-8:00pm.
- Workshops will be facilitated in small group format by grade. Grade appropriate Program resources will be used at every workshop.
- Call to Faith and Growing in Love Texts (Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division Publishers) are completed at home. Homework will be provided and must be turned in each month after parents have reviewed it with their children.
- Parents are required to review texts and homework assignments with students.
    - Parents who volunteer for regularly for this program may be eligible for tuition assistance.

## SPECIAL NEEDS CATECHESIS

- All students and parents meet for class on Sunday mornings @ 10:15-11:15 in the Convent.
- All special needs levels and grades are welcome.
- Sacramental Preparation is available for Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation.
- Contact Mrs. Valerie Brown at vsb@comcast.net or 410-494-1440 for more information.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**REQUIREMENT FOR ALL PREPARATION: Children preparing for sacraments at Immaculate Conception Church MUST participate in either Immaculate Conception School or the parish School of Religion the year immediately prior to participating in the parish's sacramental preparation programs.**

*"A minimum of one year's attendance in the regular parish religious education program or parochial school is required immediately prior to the year in which the candidate is accepted into the program of immediate preparation for Confirmation."* P. 7 Seal of the Spirit – Archdiocese of Baltimore. This requirement also applies to the immediate preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist. – P. 28 Signs of God's Love - Archdiocese of Baltimore.

**1st Reconciliation**

- The parish prepares its children for this sacrament in the 2nd grade (and older) prior to receiving 1st Communion.
- Preparation for 1st Reconciliation takes place each fall and is administered by the parent with full support of the parish.
- The Parent Orientation for preparation of this sacrament is on **September 20, 2011 @ 7pm** in the Auditorium. Attendance is MANDATORY. Registration and preparation materials will be distributed at this time.
- The Group Celebration of the sacrament will tentatively take place on **November 19, 2011 @ 7pm**.

**1st Communion**

- The parish prepares its children for this sacrament in the 2nd grade (and older) once 1st Reconciliation is received.
- Preparation for 1st Communion takes place each spring and is administered by the parent with full support of the parish.
- Parent Orientation is on **January 25, 2012 @ 7pm** in the Auditorium. Attendance is MANDATORY. Registration and preparation materials will be distributed at this time.
- Group Celebrations for 1st Communion will take place on **April 28 and May 5, 2011 @ 10am**. Each Candidate will be assigned which Mass they are to attend.

**Confirmation**

- The parish prepares its Confirmation Candidates for the sacrament in the 8th grade (and older).
- Applications to prepare for the sacrament will be accepted this summer and are due by **October 9, 2011**. Application packets can be found at www.theimmaculate.org or contact Glenda Sorteberg at gsorteberg@theimmaculate.org to obtain information and an Application Packet. They will also be available at the Orientation.
- Parent/Candidate Orientation is **October 9, 2011 @ 7pm** in the Auditorium. Attendance for this meeting is MANDATORY for ALL candidates and at least one parent/guardian. Applications are due at this time.
- Group Celebration for the Sacrament of Confirmation will tentatively take place on **May 8, 2012**.

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