

Catechists' and Parents' Meeting
Saturday, April 10, 2010
11:00 a.m.

Summary

The meeting was attended by 10 of St. Joan of Arc catechists and three mothers. Fr. Frank presided over the meeting and introduced Ms. Maria Crisafi, the new C.R.E., who was present.

The meeting opened with a prayer by Fr. Frank. Then he presented the changes he planned for the Religious Education Program for the upcoming year.

Following his presentation, Fr. Frank opened the meeting to comments, questions and suggestions from the floor.

All the catechists and parents who were present provided input.

Based on this, the following changes will take effect in September 2010:

1. Religious instruction for grades Pre-K through 5 will be held on Sunday, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. followed by Mass.
2. As mandated by the archdiocese, instruction will take place for a full one-and one-half hours before Mass, which can include liturgical preparation.
3. Students will have the option of choosing the Mass they attend, as long as they are present for the instruction. If they attend the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass or Mass at any other parish, they must present to their teacher a bulletin cover signed by the celebrant.
4. The social after the 10:30 a.m. Mass will continue. Parents will be responsible for running the social on the first and third Sundays of the month. The Religious Education Office will set up schedules for the socials at the time of registration which begins on May 26.
5. Grades 6 through 8 will meet on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

6. If family circumstances warrant, and provided there is a need for your family, we will consider a weekday afternoon class on Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. for Grades K-5 instead of on Sunday. If this is the case, you must respond **by Tuesday, April 27**, so that we can plan the classes at the time of registration on May 26 and include the information in the Religious Education handbook.
7. First Communion and Confirmation will be held in May.
8. These minutes are being posted on the parish's web site and inserted in the bulletin so all parishioners will have the same, accurate information.

At the conclusion of the meeting Fr. Frank pointed out that he would like to remind everyone that between the parish survey last year and the open meeting of April 10, everyone with an interest in what is being done had a chance to make their thoughts known. He hopes that you will now show your support for the proposed changes in order that our Religious Education Program will achieve its desired goals.

The meeting ended at 12:15 p.m. with a prayer by Fr. Frank.