



# GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Faith Formation Registration for 2011-2012

Dear Good Shepherd Families,

The Faith Formation Team at Good Shepherd Catholic Church is delighted to support your family in the faith formation of your children for the 2011-2012 catechetical year.

### Highlights and Key Information

Due to the projected renovation efforts in Creedon Hall, we will be **unable to offer the monthly Parent/Child Option this catechetical year**. It is our intention to bring back this model in the 2012-2013 year. Families who previously participated in the Parent/Child Option should register for one of the other sessions offered.

The renovations will have an overall impact on space availability at Good Shepherd and our Religious Education program will feel the impact as well affecting the number of sessions we can offer. Accordingly, we **strongly urge you to register early** to ensure you receive a session that works well for your family's schedule. We appreciate your cooperation as we work to place your children in another session if your first choice is already filled.

**Class placement is on a first-come, first-served basis.**

### Registration Timeline

- In mid-April, registration forms will be **mailed to homes of families registered in the RE program for the 2010-2011 year**. Forms will also be **available at the Parish Office beginning April 16<sup>th</sup>**.
- We will be accepting completed registration forms and payment **beginning after the 5:00pm Mass on April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

### Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (English)

- Classes will begin on **Sunday, September 25, 2011**.
- **For K-6 students**, we have made some **changes in the class offerings**. This year, we have been able to expand our Sunday sessions and maintain the coordination with Mass times.
- Classes will be **1 hour** this year.

### Teen Faith Formation

- **Teen Faith Formation** - continues its **monthly format**. Students are required to attend **ten sessions** with a parent, sponsor, or other adult. Students in their second year of formation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2012 will also need to attend a one-day retreat and complete additional requirements for Confirmation. Building renovations are already impacting our schedule so the below dates are only tentative.

- **Dates for the Teen Faith Formation meetings** (dates subject to change):

- Parent Info Meetings in late summer.
- September class TBD
- Thu. Oct. 6, 2011 7p-9p
- Sat. Oct. 29, 2011 10a-12p
- Thu. Nov. 17, 2011 7p-9p
- Sat. Dec. 10, 2011 10a-12p
- Thu. Jan. 5, 2012 7p-9p
- Sat. Jan 28, 2012 10a – 12p
- Thu. Feb 16, 2012 7p-9p
- March class TBD
- Thu. Apr 12, 2012 7p-9p
- Confirmations in Late May or early June

**Share Your Faith and Talents with Our Parish Children and Youth –**

In order to offer the youth of our parish a vibrant Catholic education, our ministry relies on many volunteers. If you would be interested in serving this ministry (many levels of time commitment available), please contact us at the parish office, (703) 780-4055. (Please note that any adults who work with our children undergo a background investigation and are required to participate in child safety seminars.)

Again, we look forward to working with your family and your children in the coming year. We wish you a safe, happy, and faith-filled summer!

With peace and blessings,



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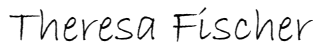
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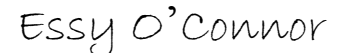
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