

The Basilica of Saint Mary

Learning Programs for Children and Youth

2011-2012

Dear Basilica Families,

We have enjoyed a great year of programs for children, youth and their families at The Basilica of Saint Mary. We celebrated Christmas with Our Gift of Song, hosted Lenten Soup Suppers, participated in service opportunities, enjoyed interfaith experiences and adult learning opportunities and prepared for sacraments together. Many families have become involved in volunteer opportunities around The Basilica. And, this is all in addition to our weekly Sunday and Wednesday programs!

If your family plans to continue involvement in the 2011-2012 program year, we are happy that you will be continuing. If you are new to our programs, we look forward to your participation and getting to know you in the upcoming program year.

As you consider your involvement in the coming year, we ask you to choose the program(s) for your child(ren) which works best for you and your family to attend Mass together. The Sunday Eucharist is the heart of who we are as Catholics and that is what we are teaching your children. If they don't attend Mass, then what they learn about liturgy and worship does not resonate.

In this time of economic uncertainty we appreciate more than ever your stewardship pledge for the year. We have many people coming to us who are in need and we want to be able to give them the assistance to carry them through this time of recession. A number of families gave extra in tuition payments in order to support families in need at this time. We thank you for your generosity! Others might consider this an option if they can afford to do so at this time. If you have been affected by the economic climate and are in need of tuition assistance, please do not hesitate to ask. This information is kept confidential. We want all families to be able to participate, even if they are unable to pay the fees in full.

Our learning staff at The Basilica is committed to serving the community and making our programs the best they can be. We look forward to our partnership with you this coming year. If you have any questions, please contact us at 612.317.3414.

Sincerely,

Paula Kaempffer
Director of Learning