

May/June 2008

*As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.
John 15:9*

Stewardship

We have been blessed many times over as the Directors of Religious Education at Our Lady of the Valley. This year especially, we are very grateful for all the love, prayers and support you have shown to us during very difficult personal times as our daughters battled cancer. The outpouring of your generosity and kindness has overwhelmed us. The beautiful cards from the children were well needed and wonderful examples of stewardship. From the bottom of our hearts we thank you!


Thank You!

We want to thank all of you who helped this past year in the Religious Education Program for grades 1~8 and with Liturgy of the Word for Children. May God Bless All of You!
And, a special thank you goes out to your wonderful children who are always a source of God's love for us.

Congratulations to all 102 children who received their First Eucharist this year. You are truly a gift to all of us. We look forward to seeing you grow in your faith. God Bless You!
We especially want to thank everyone who helped with this Sacrament Program!



Our First Eucharist children donated \$3,403.69 to the Holy Childhood Association.
This is a wonderful example of the children practicing stewardship.

 **First Eucharist DVD's** ~ The Eucharist DVD's are scheduled to arrive during the 3rd week of June. They will be put on the porch of the Parish Center in labeled envelopes by June 25th.



The Lenten Rice Bowl was a big success. The combined total collection from Religious Education and the Parish was \$4,255.00. Thank you for your generosity to the poor! This amount was almost double what was collected last year.

Thank You to Carvel for providing us with a great price for the ice cream cups and supplies for our end-of-year ice cream party.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS ~ FORMS ATTACHED



All registration forms for **Grades 1 thru 8** are due by **June 30, 2008**. No late registrations will be accepted after **July 31st** when enrollment ends! If the fee presents a problem, **PLEASE** send in the forms with a note. Also, please let us know as soon as possible if you are not re-registering or are moving from the area.

All students in grades 1 thru 8 are to be listed on the "Registration" form.

Any "NEW" student (i.e. grade 1 or just entering the program) will also need to complete the "Yellow" New Student form. Remember to also complete the white "Emergency" form. Additional forms are available at the Sacristy entrance of the Church and on the porch of the Parish Center. Thank you for your cooperation.

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HELP WANTED!



Dear Parents,

We are looking for people to volunteer to teach starting September 2008 for all grades of Religious Education 1-8. (We meet less than 20 times.) Without your help we cannot effectively have a program. Please prayerfully consider helping us teach your children. Also, ask your children's grandparents if they would consider teaching, or if you know of someone else who could help us, please give us a call.

We will provide the necessary training and any materials. For more information, contact Sharon Crenshaw or Elaine at (973) 696-8307 x 1503. Thank you.

ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS (CATECHISTS)

Reminder to "Save the Date" Saturday, September 13th,
Catechist Formation Day at St. Philip's in Clifton.



May God send His blessings upon all of you and your families during the summer and always! Please remember to keep God in your summer plans!

God's Peace and Love,

Sharon Crenshaw, DRE
Pastoral Associate
Faith Formation ~ Children

Mary Ramsden, DRE
Pastoral Associate Asst.
Faith Formation ~ Children

"The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Isaiah 40:8"

Remember...God Loves You!

Happy Mother's Day!



Happy Father's Day!

