

Versión en español al otro lado

Dear parishioners,

Enclosed is the information for the **Sacramental Preparation/RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) Classes** which will begin on Tuesday, September 18th from 6:45 pm to 8:30 pm at St. Augustine Church. This program is designed to prepare people to receive one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Communion, and/or Confirmation. Enclosed is a brief explanation of what the program entails.

- 1) Those children who have already spent one year in the **First Communion preparation program** will be eligible to receive the Sacrament after one more year of preparation only if the pastor finds them sufficiently prepared.
- 2) Those children who have already spent one year in the **Confirmation preparation program** will be eligible to receive the Sacrament after one more year of preparation only if the pastor finds them sufficiently prepared.
- 3) **Anyone over 7 years of age who has not been in a sacramental preparation program at The Cathedral Parish is eligible to enter the two-year RCIA program.**

It is important to understand that this Tuesday night program is the only opportunity to prepare to receive Communion and/or Confirmation at The Cathedral Parish. All students in Sacramental Preparation at The Cathedral Parish will meet on Tuesday. It is also important to note that **any student participating in the program will be required to have one parent or guardian in attendance with him/her at the Tuesday night classes. Obviously, Mass attendance every Sunday with the parent and child together is mandatory.**

There will be an expectation that certain basic prayers and facts will be memorized and that the parent/guardian and child are able to discuss basic aspects of the Faith with the pastor or his representative. It may be that for some the time of preparation will need to be longer. If you are interested in preparing yourself and/or your child for the reception of the sacraments, please fill out the enclosed registration form and return it to the parish office. **There is no fee for this program and all needed materials will be provided by the parish.**

Feel free to call us if you have any questions.

Fr. Ringley