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FOR CHILDREN FROM GRADE 1 THROUGH 8

STUDENT NAME: FIRST, LAST

NAME STUDENT WISHES TO BE CALLED

DATE OF BIRTH

SCHOOL

GRADE

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY:

STUDENT RECEIVED:

BAPTISM

1ST COMMUNION

RECONCILIATION

BIRTH CERTIFICATE ON FILE? (YES/NO)

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE ON FILE? (YES/NO)

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS/DISABILITIES IN THE SPACE BELOW: (I.E. ALLERGIES, ADD/ADHD, LEARNING DISABILITIES, HEARING/VISUAL OR OTHER IMPAIRMENT)

FATHER'S NAME:

RELIGION

MOTHER'S NAME:

RELIGION

MAILING ADDRESS:

HOME PHONE#

EMAIL:

FATHER'S CELL PHONE#

MOTHER'S CELL PHONE#

WHAT PARISH ARE YOU REGISTERED IN?

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BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT ADVENTURES WITH JESUS

"Adventures with Jesus", known elsewhere as the Religious Education, or Sunday School, is a program of Catholic Education in faith. Besides education, in the course of the program the students will receive three sacraments: **First Communion** (2nd Grade), **Reconciliation** (2nd Grade), and **Confirmation** (8th Grade). The reception of the sacrament of Confirmation concludes the program and the entire initiation process into the Catholic faith. If your child is already older and has not yet received a sacrament that should have received by now, or even has not been baptized, our Staff along with the Pastor will do our best in order to accommodate the situation in the best possible way. We will speak to you personally and discuss all the options.

The most important policy at St. Joseph's is **safety and security**. Our entire personnel has gone through a special course called "Virtus" that focuses on the children's well-being and protection against any child lure practices. Moreover, we have to comply with strict Diocesan policies in that matter and we have to prove it on an annual basis.

Our classes take place on **Saturdays** of the school year at St. Joseph Community Center (the house directly across the street from the church) and **begin at 9:00 AM with a simple breakfast for all students**. The cost of the breakfast is included in your annual fee. The classes themselves begin at 9:30 AM and take an hour. You are always welcome to stay over, visit the class and talk to us, however from 9:30 to 11:00 AM the door of the Center will be locked. We are one family and we would like you and your child to feel the same way. **The Center's phone number is (718) 658-1412. You can pick up your child at 11:00 AM.** We ask that you pick your child promptly. There will be \$5.00 late fee if your child is not picked up by 11:15 AM.

We are providing necessary **handbooks for all students**. The price of the handbook for your child is already included in the annual fee.

Reception of the sacraments is always something very exciting and highly anticipated by all families, and our Church Family as well. In order for that to happen the right and most beautiful way, much prayer and support must be given to each student by you, us, and our Parish. **Students who repeatedly fail to attend the classes will not be able to receive the sacraments.** For us, just as much as for you, it is a serious thing and we want to show all the students the importance of these special moments in their lives. Please make sure that make us aware of any special circumstances that might prevent your child from attending regularly. Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion takes 2 years and the child has to be at least 7 years old. No child will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation without at least 2 years of instruction and preparation.

The cost of the program is \$60 per child annually and must be paid in full by September 30, if you have three children or more taking part in the Adventures with Jesus, you will not be charged more than \$100 total, which includes all breakfasts and handbook. You may pay with cash, check (made to St. Joseph Church), or credit/debit card. If you prefer, you can make your payment in installments.

As practiced everywhere, **every child attending the program must have a Certificate of Baptism and Birth Certificate on file with us by September 30, 2019.** A copy would suffice.

The deadline for registration for the 2019-2020 School Year is May 18, 2019.

For more information, please call Nancy Baer, Director of Religious Education at (718) 739-4781 or email at stjreled@gmail.com.