



## *Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish*

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**RE:** Welcome (or Welcome Back) to IHM's Religious Education Program!

Thank you for inquiring about our Religious Education Program. If you have not done so already, we hope that you'll register your child(ren) with us as soon as possible, by submitting the Registration Form, along with payment for *at least* the initial registration fee. Then, we would like you to pay the remaining tuition and fees as quickly as you can, completing payment for your entire balance in full by September 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a new request from us, and it's because **last year the parish was not paid almost \$11,000 in tuition and fees that were owed by our families for the program**, and we cannot let that happen again this year. It puts our parish at great financial risk.

When calculating your total bill, please note that a sacramental fee is charged only for the school year in which a student receives that sacrament. The regular sacramental schedule is as follows: First Reconciliation in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, First Communion in 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Confirmation in 8<sup>th</sup>. Sacraments of Initiation require a minimum of two years of study for each. However, we have classes for all grade levels, and we hope that our students enroll in our program every school year from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This is best for their faith development.

Along with this letter and the Registration Form, you should have received the Calendar for the 2017-18 school year. Please note that our first Saturday class will be held on **September 16<sup>th</sup>**, and we'll meet in the church at 9 AM. Our first Wednesday class for CICS students will be held on **September 20<sup>th</sup>**, meeting in the school's north foyer at 1:00. All parents/guardians who are with us for the first time this year need to attend the New Parent Orientation Meeting on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM in the church.

Thanks, again, for contacting us, and God bless you as you discern your child(ren)'s faith formation. Please don't hesitate to contact us again if you have any further questions.

Very truly,

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