

Parish Council Religious Education Report

August 2017

On June 26-June 30, 2017, the Religious Education Program held Bible Camp. The Theme for the week was: Created by God: Built for a Purpose. There were 25 children enrolled for the week's festivities. All who attended had a GREAT time!! I was pleased with the program I chose to use this year which was part of the Our Sunday Visitor Program we use during the year. I'm planning on using this program for next year with a different Theme.

Thus far I have 25 families registered for the 2017/2018 year. 14 families paid in full. Total paid tuition thus far \$ 1850.00. The total amount of children registered thus far is: 40. 7 families left to re-register of which I have put a call out and sent reminder letters for reregistering their children. Which totals 10 more children and I will be registering a new family with one child this week. We have received 2 new families from local parishes in the area and two returning families from local parishes in the area. So my total for this year if all goes well with registrations will be 51 students. Last year we had 46 students.

We will also have all levels filled Levels K-9.

I have another registration weekend set for Saturday August 19 after the 5:30 mass and Sunday August 20th after the 9:30 mass.

I have a letter out to the Bloomingburg Fire Department for the fire drills for the year. And I have the calendar ready for the 2017/2018. I am in the process of getting things in order for the family packets for parent orientation night. The confirmation students are prepared for confirmation on November 12th, and I am getting the loose ends tied up with sponsors etc. with those families. We have 8 children receiving Confirmation in 2017 and I will be having 2 children receiving confirmation in April of 2018 with Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown.

Catechist meeting is set for Monday August 28, 2017 at 7:00pm Parish Center.

Religious Education Classes begin September 12, 2017, with Parent orientation at 7:00p.m. at the church.

I have completed my Level 2 Catechist requirements, I am Level 2 certified, as well as completed my Basic Leadership Training. In September I will be taking the Advanced Leadership training classes to become Certified as a Religious Education Coordinator. I believe that this will only be an advantage and enhancement to the program, so I will further my studies for this certification. Thankfully they are hosted in Middletown at OLMC. I am very excited for another year of fun!

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Herschel, CRE