

Parish Council Religious Education Report

May 2017

Religious Education Held First Holy communion on Sunday May 7, 2017 at the 9:30 Mass

It was lovely. Thank you to Father Paul for a lovely mass, and for blessing the children with Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Scapular.

4 Children received this year.

May 9, 2017- Tuesday evening religious education will be holding a prayer service and blessing for the confirmation children. They will be handing in their reports on the saint they are taking for confirmation as well the information needed for their sponsors. The parents will be giving each of their children a letter on how they came to the birth name. This will be followed by a small reception of cake and coffee after the service in the parish center.

Sunday May 14, 2017- Mothers' Day Level 2 will be crowning Mary and it's the last youth mass for the Religious Education year.

I have received all monies due religious education for the 2016/2017 year. Thank you to the two people who have scholar shipped families in need. The total collected for this year was \$ 4,275.00.

I have received 9 families thus far re registered for the 2017/2018 year. 5 of those families are paid in full totaling \$ 600.00. 15 children.

I will be holding 2 registration weekends in June, 3rd & 4th, and June 10th & 11th. This will also include registration for Bible Camp which is Free and will be runni8ng from June 26-30, 2017. Theme is Created by God, Built for a Purpose.

I have completed teaching 6 children of the past Sundays since September. They were either in need of catch up classes or Religious Education i.e. RCIA for children.

I held my annual observation of the catechists as required by the archdiocese and will be reviewing my findings with the catechists at t heir meeting.

I have participated in the Vendor sale selling items from the Gift Shop and have made \$ 50.00. Thank you Eileen Ernst for helping me sell items.

I am holding my last catechist meeting for report cards and gearing up for next year on Monday May 8, 2017 at 7:00pm.

I have plans on implementing a few new ideas to maybe tweak the program to its fullest ability.

I have completed my Basic Leadership Training for the Coordinator Position. I am currently in my third session of the Christology Level 2 Course and will be finishing by the end of June with the last required course on the New Testament for Level 2 and I will be Level 2 Certified. I will at this point have completed all the required courses for the Coordinator position. At my leisure I plan to take Level 3 and Level 4 for catechist certification and the Next level of Coordinator Courses.

I am now in the process of reviewing the reports given to me from the confirmation students as well as getting the necessary paper work together for the sponsors.

I have also completed entering sacraments in the main book here at OLA and have made the necessary changes to the Family Record Cards and Permanent Record Cards for the Students presently in our program. I have made a list of all sacraments to be recorded in Middletown at OLMC. I have dropped off this paper work to Maureen so they can begin recording this information. I will continue working on the past students from this program during the summer months when Bible Camp is completed.

I am now in the process of getting together and working on Bible Camp.

Respectfully Submitted,

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