

August 2010

Dear St. Anthony & All Saints families,

WE at St. Anthony and All Saints BELIEVE:

- ✦ That God and the Child have a unique relationship with one another including *before the age of six*
- ✦ That growth of this relationship should be assisted by the adults, but it is directed by the Spirit of God within the child
- ✦ That children need their own place to foster the growth of that relationship
- ✦ That the child's spiritual growth is best served through tangible but indirect means
- ✦ That young children know God through their parents. The parents are the primary teachers of life and faith
- ✦ That this relationship between the God and the Child can and should continue to grow as the Child develops
- ✦ That *the older Child's* relationship with God can best be fostered by experiencing the Church as a Community of Disciples
- ✦ That this experience can best be supported by the study of religious practices (especially the Mass), scripture study, and discussion about the teachings of the Jesus and his Church
- ✦ That all Children need to find an "expression" of the relationship to God and the Church in service to others



Hi! It is time to start thinking about CCD and all of its activities. We hope and pray that you have had a good summer, full of fun and wonderful experiences. During this summer, we here at St. Anthony—the staff of catechists (teachers of religion), Fr. Tom, Mary Lou, Anne Marie, and Wayne Fritter, our custodian—have been working to create great environments for the children's learning experiences this year in CCD. Let me explain some of this to you.

1. First of all, all of our CCD teaching/learning is based on "The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd," a Montessori-style learning using hands-on materials
2. We will offer 5 "environments" or ATRIUMS for this style of learning.

These ATRIUMS will have the following divisions:

Preschool Atrium for children ages 3-5 (located in lower level McLaughlin Center)

Primary I Atrium for Kindergarten and Grade 1 (located McLaughlin Center upper)
Primary II Atrium for grades 2-3 (McLaughlin Center first level)
Intermediate I Atrium for Grades 3-4 (located in the former "Mini-chapel" Church
Intermediate II Atrium for Grades 4-5-6 (in the lower level of Church behind the kitchen)

PLUS

Jr. High Youth Group for Grades 7-8-9 (Contact Roger Herstine for details)
SR. High Youth Group for Grades 10-11-12 (Contact Roger Herstine for details)

- ✦ All Children are invited to participate in this exciting way of learning. There are 20 catechists and assistants, plus a Youth Team, all prepared and expecting your children.
- ✦ Classes in Atriums Preschool thru Intermediate II (ages 3 to grade 6) will meet each Sunday morning from 9:15-10:45 am. **PLEASE BE PROMPT**
- ✦ Children are expected to attend Mass regularly.
- ✦ Children should be Baptized. (Contact the Church Office for details.)
- ✦ Children must be REGISTERED to participate in this learning.

The first day of CCD will be "Catechetical Sunday"
September 19, 2010

with

OPEN HOUSE of all CCD ATRIUMS
REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS
in the ITALIAN HALL

Enclosed:

Registration Form
and

CCD Calendar of Activities for 2010-2011

