

## PARENTS TERM 1 LETTER

Weekend of 22/23 Jan 2011

Dear Parents, Children and Youth, (Pri-Sec2)



### WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME 2011

#### Welcome & Theme

Welcome to the beginning of our Catechetical Year. Our theme for this year is **“They recognized Him in the breaking of bread”**. We invite you as parents and families to spend some time pondering this very beautiful invitation and deepening your personal and family awareness of recognizing God in ourselves, others and all situations.

In addition, St Ignatius will be celebrating our **Golden Jubilee** this year and we are all called to prepare and participate more fully to uplift our parish experience.

#### A Joint Journey

As you are aware, Catechesis (*the echoing of our faith*) begins in the home. Parents are childrens' first faith educators and must continue forming them. To **complement** this important duty, we have the parish Catechism program. As Catechists we will endeavour to faithfully deliver the programs so as to help our children and youth **to know, love and serve Our Lord**.

We look forward to your on-going interest, participation and support to the programs in order for this objective to be fulfilled.

- **Families should continue to bring their children for mass regularly**
- **Catechism classes are not a replacement for mass.**

#### Programs, Attendance and Class Times

Our Programs and class times are as follows. **We sincerely request you bring your children punctually and regularly for their faith formation sessions.** *We hope for 100% attendance but on occasion, we know there may be reasons for being absent.- so 85% is the minimal attendance rate.* *The enrolment of a child absent three times in a row will be reviewed.*

Please do not miss catechism during the school exam time as this is one of the most important

times for the children to be able to share/pray about it at class.

Overleaf is a copy of our overall calendar for 2011 to keep handy and to block off dates requiring your presence. Updates will be notified via the bulletin.

**NB: There are not classes during CNY 5/6 Feb and 12/13 Feb due to Jubilee Dinner. Classes resume 19/20 Feb.**

#### Programs

Primary Program (1-6): “Call To Faith Series”

*Class Times: Sat 4.30pm-5.30pm, Sun 10am-11am*

Secondary Program: (3 year Conf. program)  
(Sec 1 & 2 Call To Faith)

*Class Times: Sat 4pm-5.30pm, Sun 10am-11.30am*

(Sec 3: Zanzig Program- Confirmed In A faithful Community- new edition followed by i-serve)

*Class time: SUNDAY only 9.45am -11.45am*

#### Communication- Keeping Connected

There will be weekly announcements in the bulletin, updates in our church website and occasional emails to parents to keep you informed. **We would appreciate if you do your part by taking a weekly bulletin home and checking your emails regularly.**

#### Books/Liturgical calendar/Bibles

- Books: The relevant program books will be available from weekend of 29/30 Jan. The Primary books which comprises activities as well, is \$24 a copy for the whole year's use.
- The Secondary 1 and 2 books costs \$27@
- As for Sec 3, the T. Zanzig Student Confirmation Journal is packaged into the confirmation fees.
- Old books may be donated back.

Bibles: Children/youth are encouraged to have their own bibles for the program. Some suggestions would be The Good News Bible, Jerusalem Bible, New Revised Standard Bible and Catholic Youth Bible.

**Should you require any further information you could contact your child's class teacher or the co-ordinators Lesley Devaser at (81339422) [lessgd@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:lessgd@yahoo.com.sg) or Emily Chiu at [gechiu@singnet.com.sg](mailto:gechiu@singnet.com.sg)**

**Thank you**