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Upcoming Events:

- Jan 9th K4J
- Jan 17th Marriage Enrichment—Fondue Night
- Jan 21st Parent Meeting for 10th grade parents: Theology of the Body Curriculum to begin on Feb 8th
- Feb 4th Love and Logic Classes begin

FAMILY UPDATES

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Growth and Development:

Next year we will be in the new church for Mass, isn't that great!!! With that we will be able to expand our offerings.

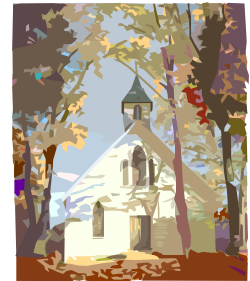
The current hope is that we will offer another session of RE, with offerings from babysitting for toddlers through adults all at the same time. This would take

place between the 9am Mass and the 11:30 Mass (note the change). This would allow for socializing after Mass and then classes would begin.

If we were to make this change, how many of you would be interested in moving from your current time slot and teaching during this time

slot? Please fill out the short survey on the last page of this newsletter and return to me by **Feb 1st**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Jamie



Love and Logic Series

Maureen Griffin, one of our faith formation catechists and long time Holy Redeemer parishioners, will be leading a series of classes on parenting using the Love and Logic philosophy. A certified trainer, Maureen brings experience and thoroughness to this topic. Whether you have already been and would like a refresher course, or you have never heard of Love and Logic and want to see what it's all about, this series is for you. Call Jamie in the parish office for more information.

Wednesdays Feb 4-March 25 (accept for Ash Wednesday) from 7-8:30pm \$15

2009-2010 Faith Formation Survey

Circle all that apply:

I am a Parent Catechist Other Volunteer

I currently have children attending/am volunteering during

Sun 4-5 Sun 6-7:30 Tues 4:30-5:30

Circle the number that most accurately corresponds with your thoughts for next year:

If we added a Sunday morning session (10:15-11:15) I would most likely

1. Continue with what we have been doing.
2. Switch my children and volunteer during the new session.
3. Switch my children and take the adult class.
4. Switch my children but not volunteer or take the adult class.

Comments:

Optional:

Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

The Role of the Christian Family In the Modern World:

Article 8

The whole Church is obliged to a **deep reflection and commitment**, so that the new culture now emerging may be **evangelized in depth, true values acknowledged, the rights of men and women defended, and justice promoted** in the very structures of society. In this way the "new humanism" will not distract people from their relationship with God, but will lead them to it more fully.

Science and its technical applications offer new and immense possibilities in the construction of such a humanism. Still, as a consequence of political choices that decide the direction of research and its applications, **science is often used against its original purpose, which is the advancement of the human person.**

It becomes necessary, therefore, on the part of all, to recover an awareness of the primacy of moral values, which are the values of the human person as such. **The great task that has to be faced**

today for the renewal of society is that of recapturing the ultimate meaning of life and its fundamental values. Only an awareness of the primacy of these values enables man to use the immense possibilities given him by science in such a way as to bring about the true advancement of the human person in his or her



whole truth, in his or her freedom and dignity. **Science is called**

to ally itself with wisdom.

The following words of the Second Vatican Council can therefore be applied to the problems of the family: "Our era needs such wisdom more than bygone ages if the discoveries made by man are to be further humanized. For

the future of the world stands in peril unless wiser people are forthcoming.(17)

The education of the moral conscience, which makes every human being capable of judging and of discerning the proper ways to achieve self-realization according to his or her original truth, thus

becomes a pressing requirement that cannot be renounced.

Modern culture must be led to a more profoundly restored covenant with divine Wisdom. Every man is given a share of such Wisdom through the creating action of God. And it is only in faithfulness to this covenant that the families of today will be in a position to influence positively the building of a more just and fraternal world.

Questions to reflect on:

- How do we evangelize in depth, acknowledge true values, defend rights, and promote justice?
- In what ways is science used against the advancement of the human person?
- What is the meaning of life?
- How do we educate the moral conscience? How can this be a part of our regular class time?

Coming Soon: Mother-Daughter Retreat

Do you need some quality time with your daughter? Do you know someone who does? Spend a day and night together this spring at the Griffin Center in Portland, OR renewing your relationship with one another. For girls in 8th through 12th grade and their mothers, this chance to renew will be a blessing in both of their lives. There will be time for just moms, time for just girls, and times when mother-daughter will be alone to share their thoughts and feelings. Save the Date: May 8th-May 9th, 2009.

Parenting for Peace and Justice Group

Community Life Ministries at Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish would like to provide a new opportunity for parents who are interested in learning about how to strengthen their families in the areas of:

- Providing education and experiences on peace, justice and global issues for families
- Promoting skill development for children to be justice-doers and peacemakers rooted in Catholic values
- Share, pray and develop a spirituality of justice in a family context
- Incorporate global citizenship concepts into family practice and community advocacy
- Remain active in community issues and advocate for positive social change in the context of parenting for the common good
- Build healthy communities and support family participation in the parish community

If you are interested in being a part of Parenting for Peace and Justice we would reflect, pray and discuss our values for parenting strengths in our hope of working for positive social change and create and build community with parents and children.

Please contact Megan Shanahan for details at 885-7780 X16 or
communitylife@holyredeemervanc.org