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The Reverend John Major, Rector



God's People *at Church* and *at Home*

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Dear Parents,

A new year of Christian Education opportunities for parish youth begins on September 25th!

With only a very brief and often sporadic time with youth on Sunday mornings we are reminded that Christian formation is something that mostly needs to take place between parents and their children in the home.

This is why our new year of Christian education efforts called **God's People *at Church* and *at Home*** focuses on a regular Sunday Christian Church School opportunity and support for parents who are always the first teachers of their children when it comes to sharing the Christian faith with options for resources to use at home.

The Christian Formation Team for Youth and our volunteer teachers will hold age appropriate sessions on every Sunday except the last Sunday of the month when all youth are invited to participate as our liturgical ministers at Holy Eucharist. Knowing that we cannot accomplish a full Christian Education curriculum during brief and sporadic times on Sunday, we will provide you, the parents, with ample age-appropriate resources so that Christian formation can easily be scheduled around your family schedule *at Home*. We have a great deal of Christian Formation handouts that you are welcome to. Just ask for them and they are yours! The handouts serve as great starting points to begin conversation with your children about the things of our faith.

With only about thirty minutes on Sunday to offer Christian Education opportunities to our parish youth we would like to offer you, the parents, with *at Home* resources in the hope that you or a grandparent or older sibling will take an additional thirty minutes or so each week between *at Church* sessions to encourage your child to discover more about God's love and our Christian faith.

We are hopeful that you will make a commitment with us to provide regular encouragement for our youth to

- o participate in church school every Sunday
- o make new discoveries about their faith by utilizing their age-appropriate curriculum and *at Home* resources all through the month,

- o to pray every day,
- o to participate in weekly Sunday Holy Eucharist,
- o to volunteer and assist with the liturgical ministries on Youth Ministry Sunday scheduled on the last Sunday of every month and,

- o to regularly share their talent and time in service to their Church and world.

We wish to assure you that we are always here as a resource and a source of support for you who are the first teachers of your children in the way of faith.

God bless you in this ministry in such a way that you will be the best of teachers of your children and God bless all of our efforts to provide our parish youth with proper Christian formation and a faith foundation that will last a lifetime!

Please, if you will, review the enclosed information, and please consider serving the Christian Education efforts of the parish by volunteering to teach a class or two during the year. We are in need of teachers and your age-appropriate lesson plans for every Sunday are already prepared for you! Sign up to teach a class or two by visiting the Christian Education Information Board located in The Prater Room.

Sincerely,

The Rev. John Major
Rector

Prince of Peace Christian Formation Team for Youth

OUR MISSION

To team with parents willing to make a commitment to provide encouragement for our youth to: (1) participate in church school on Sunday (2) make new discoveries about their faith by utilizing their age-appropriate curriculum and at Home resources all through the month, (3) to pray every day, (4) to participate in weekly Sunday Holy Eucharist, (5) to volunteer and assist with the liturgical ministries on Youth Ministry Sunday scheduled on the last Sunday of every month and, (6) to regularly share their talent and time in service to their Church and world.

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