

# ST. MICHAEL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS

*Grade Seven*

2007-2008

September, 2007

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Welcome to the 2007-2008 St. Michael's Religious Education Program. We are looking forward to a very exciting year and would like to thank you for the opportunity to work with your child. We are here to help reinforce the values that you have instilled in your child and hope to strengthen their faith by offering encouragement and support. Today 7th graders face many daily challenges, as catechists we hope to help them learn to apply the wisdom and values of Scripture and the Gospel in their daily lives.

This year the 7th grade students will use the text **Blessed Are We, The Story of Jesus**. There are five sections culminating in "The Good News" which begins to prepare the student for Confirmation. 7<sup>th</sup> graders will also use the same Bible they used last year: **THE CATHOLIC YOUTH BIBLE**. This Bible, including both Old and New Testaments, will be used in Grades 6, 7 and 8. We encourage you to take a look at these texts. We ask that the Bible, along with textbooks and gold folders, be brought to every class and cared for respectfully.

The children are asked to abide by certain ground rules that create and maintain a positive learning environment for all. You will be supporting us and your child's religious education by insuring that your child arrives on time, with required materials and regularly attends class.

Two progress reports will be sent home during the year. The purpose of the progress reports is to enhance our communication with you and give you some insight into how well the goals of 7th grade religious education are being achieved. We invite you to contact us anytime with your questions, concerns, suggestions or ideas at the REO 349-0769. We look forward to an enriching year!

Four goals have been established for student achievement this year.

## **7<sup>TH</sup> LEVEL GOALS 2007-2008**

1. The student will establish a prayer life by reviewing prayers already known and learning other models of prayer.
2. The student will explore the concept of God's unconditional love discovered in the New Testament. They will learn about Jesus' life, words, passion, death and resurrection.
3. The students will learn to use the Bible and investigate, in depth, a Bible story. (Jesus Project)
4. The student will begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. They will make a commitment to this preparation including participation in the program requirements and doing community service. (The study of the New Testament is the foundation for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year.)

There are also 4 activities that will take place during the year that you are welcome and encouraged to come to and participate in, they are:

Sept. 10 & 11 **Family Mass** at 7:45 PM in the Church  
Dec. 3 & 4 **Reconciliation** in the Church at 7:15 PM  
Feb. 11 & 12 **Jesus Project Presented** in classrooms at beginning of class 7:00 PM  
April 14 & 15 **Confirmation Preview** presentation in Commons at 7:15 PM  
**Family Prayer** in Church immediately following the Confirmation Preview

We are grateful for your support,  
Tony Propati, Chairman and the Seventh Level Catechists