

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND
FIRST EUCHARIST**

August 2009

Dear Parents of First Communion Candidates,

Welcome to San Carlos Cathedral Parish Faith Formation for children. This year your child will be among those celebrating the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. This is an extremely important year for all of us as we journey on the road to holiness. Each of us has a part in this journey. Therefore, each of us is asked to prayerfully consider the roles we take. Parents are the first catechists of their children. We teachers strengthen their faith. Together we encourage one another as we walk together.

It is with great joy that I inform you of the upcoming year's events to further the spiritual development of your child. This year we will have special sessions designed specifically for your child to grow more fully in union with God and one another. On four Sunday afternoons during the fall parents and children are asked to meet for 1.5 hours to experience Reconciliation on a deeper level. The children will be fully involved in activities that prepare them for Reconciliation among family members, friends, peers and other adults. **Family participation is required at all Sunday Sessions.** Please schedule at least one parent to be present at each of the sessions. Again after the first of the year we will offer four sessions for Eucharist preparation. It is important that you keep these dates and times open for your child's sacramental preparation.

As you know, children model their behavior by what they observe others doing. How good it is when they model their parents' participation in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist! The journey you began with your child at Baptism continues throughout your lives together. Make this a special year for the whole family. Make it a year of Love for all.

The following dates have been set aside for our sacramental preparation sessions:

- **RECONCILIATION—September 27, 2009, October 18, 2009 November 8 and November 22, 2009**
- **EUCHARIST—January 24, 2010, February 7, February 21, 2010 and March 14, 2010**

Sessions will begin at 3:30 PM and last until 5:00 PM. We invite all families to join in the celebration of the Liturgy at 5:30 PM on these Sundays. Please mark your calendars now so you remember to join us. Also please note,

- **FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION—Saturday, December 5, 2009—7:00 PM**
- **FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS—Saturday, April 10, 2010—11:00 AM or Sunday, April 11, 2010—2:30 PM**

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cynthia Friesen
DRE

Fr. Peter Crivello
Pastor

AUGUST 2009—SAFE ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES
For children's faith formation classes on Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:15 PM

- ARRIVAL-- 3:45 to 3:55: PLEASE ACCOMPANY YOUR CHILDREN TO SAN CARLOS CATHEDRAL HALL. Sign-in tables will be set up in the Hall with a list of the children's names according to their grade. A catechist or an aide will be at each table to assist you. After signing your child in, you may leave him/her with the catechist or aide. We will begin in the Hall with prayer at 4:00 PM after which the children will follow their catechist to their classroom. If you are late, your child will be escorted by the crossing guard to his/her classroom. Children are NOT to be left on their own while on the premises.
- 5:15 PM DISMISSAL: At 5:10 your child will return to Cathedral Hall with their classmates. The children will stand behind the sign-out tables until you arrive and sign them out. They are free to leave afterwards. CHILDREN WILL ONLY BE RELEASED TO AN ADULT. If someone other than a parent or older sibling comes to pick up the child, please send a note stating who will do so.
- *Children still waiting for rides after the pick-up time, will be brought to the Faith Formation Office.*

SAFETY REMINDERS

- Please do not Double Park: This is a courtesy to others and for the safety of the children.
- Park only in legal areas and do not drop children off at the Stop Sign or in the street.
- Late arrivals will be escorted by the crossing guard to his/her classroom—NO parent is to enter the schoolyard.
- Skates and skateboards are NOT allowed on school or church property.
- NO tree climbing on school or church property, even if parent is present.
- NO food or gum may be brought to the classrooms without the catechist's permission.
- Remind your children that if they should need help for any reason, they should go to the Office of Faith Formation. Someone will be there until 6:00 PM.
- Please do not drop your children off unattended anywhere on the premises of San Carlos Cathedral or School.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.
Blessings,

Cynthia Friesen, Director of Faith Formation for Children

P.S. All Parents and Grandparents are always welcome to come to my office!!

REGISTRATION – Children’s Faith Formation Office

San Carlos Cathedral Parish – 500 Church St. – Monterey, CA 93940
831-373-2628 ext. 17

PLEASE PRINT:

DATE: / /

FATHER’S NAME: _____ Does this parent live in the home? RELIGION _____

MOTHER’S NAME: _____ Does this parent live in the home? RELIGION _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL: _____ WORK: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

1.	CHILD’S NAME: _____	BIRTH DATE: <u> </u> / <u> </u> / <u> </u>
	SCHOOL: _____	GRADE: _____
	BAPTIZED: YES _____ NO _____	RECONCILIATION: YES _____ NO _____
	EUCCHARIST: YES _____ NO _____	CONFIRMATION: YES _____ NO _____

2.	CHILD’S NAME: _____	BIRTH DATE: <u> </u> / <u> </u> / <u> </u>
	SCHOOL: _____	GRADE: _____
	BAPTIZED: YES _____ NO _____	RECONCILIATION: YES _____ NO _____
	EUCCHARIST: YES _____ NO _____	CONFIRMATION: YES _____ NO _____

3.	CHILD’S NAME: _____	BIRTH DATE: <u> </u> / <u> </u> / <u> </u>
	SCHOOL: _____	GRADE: _____
	BAPTIZED: YES _____ NO _____	RECONCILIATION: YES _____ NO _____
	EUCCHARIST: YES _____ NO _____	CONFIRMATION: YES _____ NO _____

Our family fees for the year are \$75.00. There is an additional supply fee of \$30.00 for 1st Communion Students. We realize there may be times when the fee is a problem. We really want your children to be able to attend, so please let me know if we need to make an adjustment. Everyone is entitled to catechesis regardless of ability to pay!

**HELP NEEDED!! The success of this program depends on parent commitment. Please check, if you are able to help. Catechist _____ Aide _____ Hall Helper _____
Office _____ Children’s Liturgy of The Word _____**

Cynthia Friesen - 831-373-2628 ext. 17 - cfriesen@sancarloscathedral.org

P.S. Please return your registration as soon as possible. If necessary, you can pay later.

**First Eucharist/ First Reconciliation 2009-2010
REGISTRATION FORM**

San Carlos Cathedral Parish – 500 Church St. – Monterey, CA 93940

Today's Date: _____

Please print clearly. Thank you!

CHILD'S NAME: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

PLACE OF BIRTH: _____
(City) (State)

DATE OF BAPTISM: _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

PLACE OF BAPTISM: _____
(Church) (City) (State)

FATHER'S NAME: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

MOTHER'S NAME: _____
(First) (Middle) (**MAIDEN**) (Last)

Does your child live with his/her father?
Does your child live with his/her mother?

ADDRESS: _____

City & Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____

2nd Name, Address, & Phone #: _____
(If parents are separated, or if a grandparent wants to be on our communications list.)

SCHOOL: _____

Parish Where You Are Registered: _____

- ❖ Please send a copy of your child's **BAPTISMAL Certificate** *as soon as possible*.
- ❖ P.S. There is an extra supply fee of \$30 for **ALL** First Communion Students.
(Scholarships are always available for those in need.)

Thank you! Cynthia Friesen - 373-2628 ext. 17; cfriesen@sancarloscathedral.org

2009–2010 SCHEDULE – FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

San Carlos Cathedral Parish – 500 Church St. – Monterey, CA 93940

School Year 2009-2010	Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:00 & 10:30 AM Masses	Tuesday Classes Grades K—5 & Older Students' 1 st Communion and/or Baptism 4:00 - 5:15 PM	Sundays First Confession First Communion Preparation Sessions for Parents/children
August	16 23 30	18 --Orientation 25 --Parent Safety Class	
September	6 13 20 27	1 --Spanish Safety Class 8 15 22 29	27 --3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
October	4 11 18 25	6 --Autumn Event 13 --Fall Recess-No Classes 20 27	18 --3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
November	1 8 15 22 29	3 10 17 24	8 --3:30 pm - 5:00 pm 22 --3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
December	6 13 20 24 --Family Mass 4 pm 27	1 8 15 24 --Christmas Break 27 --New Year's Break	5 --7:00 pm 1st Reconciliation Celebration
January	3 10 17 24 31	5 12 19 26 --Special Event	24 --3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
February	7 14 21 28	2 9 16 23	7 --3:30 pm - 5:00 pm 21 --3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
March	7 14 21 28	2 9 16 --Spring Event 23 --Spring Recess 30 --Spring Recess	14 --3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
April	4 --Easter Sunday 11 18 25	6 13 20 27	10 --11:00 am 11 --2:30 pm 1st Communion Celebrations
May	2 9 --Mother's Day 16 23	4 --May Crowning 11 --Last Class 18 --Catechist Dinner	18 --Catechist's Appreciation Day