

September 1, 2009

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at St. John Fisher. Nothing is as full of possibilities as the beginning of the new year. I am looking forward to working with you and your child in providing successful, engaging, and memorable faith-filled experiences. I have been tremendously impressed in just these past few days with the children's enthusiasm, attentiveness, and heartfelt concern for others. The fifth graders are truly a special group of children.

The focus of the fifth grade Religion Program is on the seven sacraments. We will concentrate for an appropriate period of time on each sacrament. Each chapter contains a chapter review study guide for the test. Faith words from each chapter will also be discussed and written in their notebook for review.

I will also be testing the children on their prayers on page 383 in their religion book. Please review the prayers with your child. Family intentions will be prayed for during our daily prayers. Attached is a copy of our monthly calendar of saints. The children are eager to read the "saint of the day" story. One of our projects this year will be for the children to research and write a paper on one of the saints. More information will be given at a later time.

One of the school goals this year is to continue to increase the students' attendance and involvement in Sunday Mass. I informally asked the fifth graders if they attend Mass on the weekends, and I was pleasantly surprised that so many children raised their hands. Thank you so much for instilling in your child the importance of going to Mass regularly.

For several years, I taught Religious Education at my sharing parish, and this year I'm teaching in my home parish. The most discouraging aspect of the program was that so few children attend Mass. To encourage and increase Mass attendance, many of our parishes are planning Family Liturgy Masses. Our first scheduled Family Mass will be the 10:00 Mass on September 13, and I hope to see all of you. In addition, I would also encourage you to view an inspiring, touching video.

[www.theinterviewwithgod.com](http://www.theinterviewwithgod.com) It delivers a powerful message filled with beautiful images, words, and sounds.

If there are ever any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me.

Sincerely,

Ms. Carol Super