

February 10, 2010

Dear High School Parents:

Peace and blessings from the CFF Office on the brink of this Lenten season. I hope you and your family will find strength and comfort through prayer, fasting and almsgiving during these forty days of preparation for the resurrection of our Lord. As we come to the end of the CFF year, I wanted to make you aware of the many exciting events coming up in the next two months.

During February and March, the freshmen will continue working through the material presented in the online source *Call to Discipleship*. They will spend March studying “Jesus the Teacher” which invites the students to deepen their understanding of Jesus as teacher and identify the messages in the Gospel parables; “Deeds of Power” which explores the significance of Jesus’ miracles in his ministry and mission; “Invited to Discipleship” which identifies the characteristics of a disciple of Christ and invites the students to identify those characteristics in themselves and in others; and “Our Redeemer” which focuses on Jesus’ passion, death and Resurrection to deepen their awareness of the Paschal Mystery.

At the same time, sophomores will also work through various lessons presented in the online source *Call to Discipleship*. They will spend March studying “Meeting the Needs of All” which invites the students to become familiar with basic human rights and consider what responsibilities correspond with those rights; “Responsible Stewards” which explores the roles and responsibilities we have as stewards of God’s creation; “Forgiven and Reconciled” which explores the Sacrament of Reconciliation; and “Many Roles, One Mission of Service” which focuses on the different roles of service that the laity, clergy and religious have in the Church.

If you provided the CFF Office with email addresses on your registration forms, all students and parents should now have access to the *Call to Discipleship* website ([www.calltodiscipleship.com](http://www.calltodiscipleship.com)). Please feel free to utilize the information available.

Freshmen and sophomores should also continue their involvement in various social outreach opportunities presented both in and outside the parish community. Students should document at least 10 hours per school year for CFF. Please check your email or the parish newsletter for times and locations.

In addition to the classroom sessions and social outreach opportunities for your children, please remember that all families are expected to attend the following events as part of your child(ren)’s faith development. Please mark your calendars.

- Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30 P.M. This participation in the Mass is a wonderful way to begin the season of Lent and prepare ourselves for Christ’s resurrection at Easter.
- Together in Faith Event celebrating the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. This event will be held on Tuesday, February 23 and Wednesday, February 24 from 5:30-7:45 P.M. Every CFF family should have received an invitation and registration in the mail. Registrations are due back to the CFF Office by Monday, February 15. There is no cost to attend the Together in Faith Events because the fee is already built into your tuition

payment.

- Lenten Penance Service on Wednesday, March 24 at 6:30 P.M. This participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful way to heal the soul and prepare for Christ's resurrection at Easter.
- Together in Faith Event celebrating the Sacraments of Service (Marriage and Holy Orders). This event will be held on Tuesday, April 13 and Wednesday, April 14 from 5:30-7:45 P.M. Every CFF family will receive an invitation and registration in the mail. Remember, there is no cost to attend the Together in Faith Events because the fee is already built into your tuition payment.

And finally, just a reminder that our CFF year ends with the Together in Faith event on the Sacraments of Service and will resume again in the Fall of 2010. You can expect progress reports to come home in April and registration forms to come home in August.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the CFF Office at 468-5718.

Peace and blessings,

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