

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Religious Education Program
530 Hot Springs Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93108
February 11, 2008

Dear Parents,

During our **parent/candidate Orientation meeting**, Tina, Dorinda, Oscar, and I talked about how your sons/daughters journey to the Sacrament Of Confirmation is designed to help them come to a deeper understanding of how the Holy Spirit works in their lives and how they can interact with that Spirit to lead a life that will draw them into a closer relationship with Jesus.

Mid year is not only a good time to reflect on this journey by reviewing class attendance, participation in service hours, and various other sponsored activities, but also to remind them of their commitments during this process. This is an opportunity to reread the guidelines given in September. If you would like another copy, please do not hesitate to call the Office at 969-4868.

Candidates have an opportunity to **make up sessions** they missed by attending **Oscar and Dorinda's classes** on the second, third, fourth, and fifth Tuesdays of the month. These sessions are held at San Roque Parish beginning at 7:00 p.m. and concluding at 8:30 p.m. You or your son/daughter will need to call Oscar at 698-3213 or Dorinda at work 684-0324 or on her cell 680-4581 before attending class.

Attending **Jim Wallis' conference** at Westmont College on February 29th and/or **Raphael's Parish Mission** the weekend of February 23rd and 24th or are other means of making up missed classes. (Flyers are included in this mailing.) Going to these events with your sons/ daughters are wonderful opportunities to be with them.

As we continue this Holy Season of Lent, you and/or your sons and daughters are invited to participate in the **Stations of the Cross** on Friday evenings, except February 29th. Stations will begin at 6:00 p.m. Immediately after Stations everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for a simple meal of soup and bread. **Candidates desiring to serve**

our parish can assist Barbara Garner and help in setting up the hall and serving the meal. Our evening together concludes by 7:30 p.m. (Those interested in helping Barbara need to call the Religious Education Office on or before each Wednesday. Calling in advance will help Barbara as she plans.)

If you are planning to participate in **our annual trip to Mexico** where we will build two homes on Saturday, April 26th, you are invited to an **informational meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall on **Monday, March 3rd**. Participating in this project covers all service hours.

Remember we are requiring only ten hours of service in our parish.

First year candidates and parents are invited to the ten o'clock Mass on Sunday, April 20th to participate in a simple **Rite of Welcoming**. Please mark your calendar.

Youth Day in Anaheim is quickly approaching! Since we are traveling on the bus, and Orientation begins at 8:30 a.m., all chaperones and participants need to arrive at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel parking lot by 5:00 a.m.** The bus will return to the Parish hall at 9:00 p.m. a fee of \$45.00 will help to defray the cost of the bus and pay for the day. If for any reason you are unable to pay this amount, please do not hesitate to call me at 969-4868. It is more important for your child to experience this wonderful day. Your son or daughter will need to bring **bag lunch and money for dinner**. The bus driver plans to stop for dinner on the way to Santa Barbara.

You can also visit our website, **olmc-montecito.com**, for further information or to send me an email regarding a question or concern.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely,