

Dear Parents/Guardians,

WELCOME BACK!

A quote from Pope Benedict XVI states that, "Parents are the first evangelizers of children, a precious gift from the Creator, and begin by teaching them to say their first prayers. In this way a moral universe is built up, rooted in the will of God, where the child grows in the human and Christian values that give life its full meaning." The church views the role of parents in the religious formation of children as both a privilege and an obligation. We are happy to assist you as the primary educators of your children in the faith and offer many opportunities for your children's religious education. Thank you for your interest in our Religious Education at St. Leo's parish. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY and COMPLETE the following information about registering your child(ren) in our program.

\*Religious Education sessions for students in Kindergarten through 10th grade on:

**Wednesdays:** (First session begins on Sept 28th)

7:00 to 8:00PM (K-6th grade)

7:00 to 8:30PM (7-10th grade)

\*Youth Group for 11th and 12th grades:

**Sundays: Please watch the bulletin for Youth Group Sessions**

7:00PM--(First session begins on Oct 9th)

The parish religious education program we offer is meant to support the parents in their responsibility as the first educators of the Faith. Family involvement and commitment to the life of the parish is critically important for those who participate in Religious Education. To have our young people grow in their relationship with Christ is one of the most important activities in parish life. To accomplish this requires much effort from all of you, especially by your example.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Arrival:** All K-6 students are to report to the "designated area"--dining hall or church-- before every class starts. Class begins at 7:00pm. Please be on time so we can finish on time. Please enter through the north door to the classrooms. K-6 students are asked to please bring a book bag for their papers and parent notes. Early arrivals are to report to the designated area. An adult will be on duty to supervise these students at 6:45pm. Please do not drop off your child any sooner.

All 7-10th grade students are asked to report to their classrooms at 7:00pm. Please be on time.

**Dismissal:** A parent or older sibling will need to pick-up their (K-2nd) child from the classroom after religious education. A bell will be used for dismissal.

**Supervision after RE class:** Some K-6 students will have an older sibling in the 7-10th grade program. We have established an "All Saints Room" for these students to hang out before their older brother/sister finishes their instruction. A volunteer will be in charge of an activity/game/recess for these students. Parents please sign-up if you plan on utilizing this program for your child.

**Communication:** Communication is the key to a successful program. Our ultimate goal is to communicate with you through e-mail. If you do not have an e-mail address a letter will be sent home with your child or it will be mailed through the post office. A newsletter will go out to the parents once every two months. Also, please watch the parish bulletin for notices.

**Cancellations:** During the winter months, please listen to WNAX for any cancellations due to bad weather. Announcements will be given in school hours through the school bulletin. If you are unsure, please call before you travel into town.

**Absences:** If you know your child will be absent from class please call the parish center at 589-3392 or send a note with an older/younger sibling. Thanks.

**Attendance:** Attendance will be taken for all grades K-10th. Throughout the year we have scheduled Masses for special occasions, feast days, or holy days. This is part of our religious education curriculum. On those days students are asked to report to their classrooms by 6:45pm for attendance. After attendance the teachers will walk them to the church and then they will be released to their parents at that time for Mass.

**Martha's Kitchen:** Our religious education program is offering a small meal for those student/athletes who can not travel home for a meal before sessions begin. The kitchen will be open from 6:00-6:45pm. No food will be served after 6:45pm. We are asking parents to please sign-up so we know how much food to prepare.

**Circle of Grace Training:** All K-12 students will be trained on Nov 2nd & 9th. The goal of the Circle of Grace program is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others. A parent letter will be sent home at a later date.

### **YOUTH MINISTRIES:**

**Youth Breakfast:** As Christian service to our parish, the 7-12 grades will again be in responsible for helping out at parish breakfasts after Mass on the designated Sundays listed below. The students will be responsible for bringing a dozen rolls and serving the rolls/coffee/juice to our parish guests. Please mark your calendars:

**Sept 25, 2011--12th grade**

**Oct 23, 2011--11th grade**

**Nov 27, 2011--10th grade**

**Jan 22, 2012--9th grade**

**Feb 26, 2012--8th grade**

**March 25, 2012--7th grade**

**Devotion to the Rosary:** In saying the rosary, Mary invites us to join her on a journey through the life of Jesus. In it the Holy Spirit asks us to imitate the faith and love of the mother of our Savior. Grades 2-12th are assigned a Sunday to gather together and pray this beautiful prayer. Please meet in the connector by 8:00am. Mark your calendars:

**Sept 25, 2011--7th grade**

**Oct 16, 2011--2nd grade**

**Oct 23, 2011--8th grade**

**Nov 20, 2011--3rd grade**

**Nov 27, 2011--9th grade**

**Jan 15, 2012--4th grade**

**Jan 22, 2012--10th grade**

**Feb 19, 2012--5th grade**

**Feb 26, 2012--11th grade**

**March 18, 2012--6th grade**

**March 25, 2012--12th grade**

Parents are asked to assist in the faith growth and development of their child/adolescent by encouraging regular class attendance, weekly Mass attendance, and family prayer. Participation in Christian service activities as a family, also reinforce the principles of the Stewardship Way of Life.

### **Parents are encouraged to:**

\*Participate as a volunteer teacher, substitute, or volunteer for any activities listed on the "Saints Are Alive" sheet.

\*Meet your student's teacher. All of our catechists are volunteers.

Without their many hours of love and devotion, this program could not exist.

\*Help your student with any preparation--learning their prayers-- and homework that may be required.

\*Attend gatherings or special events connected with the program.

\*Contact the DRE or student's teacher if their child will be absent.

**Students are expected to show respect for teachers, students, their classrooms, and adult volunteers:**

- \*Language that is disrespectful will not be tolerated.
- \*The mission statement established by the teachers and students are to be followed.
- \*Participation in activities and respectful behavior is expected at all gatherings especially in the church.
- \* Students are expected to be on time and come to class prepared with books or assignments that are due.
- \*Students may not use cell phones, I-pods, or other electronic devices during class time. No weapons such as a pocket knife are allowed on the parish grounds.

**If a student does not follow expectations:**

- \* Teacher talks to student privately about misbehavior.
- \* Repeat of misbehavior will result in dismissal from classroom and taken to office.
- \* Parents will be notified.
- \* A parent will then be required to come to the next scheduled class and sit with their child throughout the next class time.
- \*If a parent does not attend with their child, the student will not be allowed back into the classroom and will be sent home.

We are very excited to begin a new year of ministry and to continue the mission of Jesus passed down from the apostles and their successors, *"Go and make disciples of all nations..."*

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Forcelle, Pastor

JoLynn Weber-DRE- Grades K-12

**St Leo/Vincent's Youth Event--K-12**  
**Parental/Guardian Consent Form & Medical**  
**Information--2011/2012**

Parents/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ grant permission for my child(ren):

Child(ren)'s Name _____	Grade _____
Name _____	Grade _____
Name _____	Grade _____
Name _____	Grade _____
Name _____	Grade _____
Name _____	Grade _____

To participate in parish youth activities that are away from St. Leo's Parish. I understand that these activities will take place under the guidance and direction of a parish employee and/or volunteer from St. Leo/Vincent's parish who shall exercise due care and caution in providing for the safety of his/her young person while on such excursions. Parent will be notified before the activity/event takes place.

As a parent and or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above minor name and grant to Fr. Joe or another supervisory adult along to authorize emergency medical treatment if that treatment is deemed immediately necessary by competent medical authority.

**Medical Information:**

Please list any medical conditions, special medications, or allergies etc., of your child that we need to be aware of in case of a medical emergency:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

# St. Leo/Vincent Religious Education Enrollment Sheet--2011/12 Grades K-12

\*\*Please fill out to enroll your student for the 2011-2012 Religious Education Program. We are NEW to St. Leo/Vincent's RE Program: Yes / No

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*My child(ren) live at the same address above: Yes / No

1. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
2. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
3. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
4. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
5. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
6. Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**Information for the teacher:** To better enable the teachers to serve the needs of your child(ren), please describe any learning disabilities, health problems, allergies or special circumstances of which the teachers should be aware:

Student:	Concern:
_____	_____
_____	_____

\*\*I have READ the Parent letter & understand the guidelines of the program, and I have signed up for one or more of the Parent Involvement Activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# The "Saints Are Alive" Involvement Activities

We belong to the community of saints...the saints in heaven, in purgatory, and on earth. These saints give us the help we need to be strong in our leadership. Our religious education program needs your help. Ask the designated saint to pray for you as you volunteer.

*ST. VINCENT de Paul, pray for us.--Patron of volunteers.*

*\*ST. JOHN BOSCO, ST CHARLES, & ST. ROBERT, pray for us--Patron of catechists*  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Religious Education Teacher:** Teach in our RE program (K-10). Any special grade levels? \_\_\_\_\_ I would prefer to team teach. Yes / No

\_\_\_\_\_ **Substitute RE teacher:** Fill in for teachers who are unable to teach for a class time. Any special grade levels? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher Helper:** I would sit in on classroom activities during the year to help with discipline and crowd control. I would help with small group activities in the teacher classroom. The teacher will contact you when needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ **All Saints Room Supervisor:** Supervise K-6 grade students who have an older sibling in the 7-10 program. (8:00-8:30pm) Provide an activity/game inside or outside.

*\*ST. FRANCIS deSALES & ST. PETER CANISIUS, pray for us--Patron of Catholic press*  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Office Help:** Help in the office while my child is at class. Collect attendance sheets, make copies for teachers, help get supplies ready, put up bulletin boards for teachers, supervise students, and any other duties.

*\*ST CECILA & ST GREGORY the GREAT, Pray for us.--Patron of musicians and singers*  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Youth Choir Director:** Plan & organize music for special occasions during the year. Offer practices before or after RE scheduled time.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Music Helper:** Help assist the youth choir director with any duties necessary.

*\*ST. CHRISTOPHER, pray for us. Patron of travelers.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Adult Driver:** Chaperone & drive students to off-campus field trips, rallies, or outings throughout the year. Volunteers will need to fill out an adult driver form.

*\*ST. MARTHA, pray for us. Patron of servants and cooks.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Kitchen Helper:** Help with the Martha's kitchen project and help in the kitchen when needed for socials throughout the year. Will serve treats, make coffee & juice, and clean-up.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Snack Person:** I will bring snacks/treats for special times during the year. Notification will be sent home when snacks will be needed.

*\*ST. AGNES, pray for us. Patron of Children of Mary*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rosary Leader:** Help lead the Rosary with my child's class. Please meet in church at 8:00am.