

March 15, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

May this letter find you and your family experiencing the blessings of God's presence in your lives.

It is time to begin the registration process for next year's religious education program. Once again this fall those in grades 7-10 will meet on Tuesday nights from 7 PM- 8:30 PM, and those in grades 1-6 will meet on Saturday mornings from 9-11 AM.

We will also offer the At-Home/Sunday Program again this year for students in all grade levels. This program consists of parents working on assignments with their children throughout the month and then meeting one Sunday a month for about one hour for a family session. Please write "At-Home/ Sunday Program" at the top of your registration form if you would like to enroll your family in this program.

The Growing In Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) program will be incorporated into both the regular religious education program and the At-Home/ Sunday program again next year. Participation in the G.I.F.T. sessions is a required part of the religious education program.

**Attached to this letter is a registration form. If you are registering your child in St. Leo's Religious Education program for the first time, a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate is needed at the time of registration unless he/she was baptized in our Parish.**

Our registration fees for parishioners are based on the number of children per household enrolled in the religious education program. For parishioners, the registration fee for 2011-12 is \$70 for one child, \$125 for two children and \$165 for three or more children. The non-parishioner fee is \$95.00 per child. Parishioners are those who are registered in this parish and who attend Mass here on a weekly basis. If your family is experiencing financial difficulties, please call me prior to the June 30<sup>th</sup> registration due date.

The class calendar and other information will be mailed home in August. The calendar, GIFT information and the registration form will all be available on our parish website earlier in the summer. Our web address is [www.stleothegreatamherst.com](http://www.stleothegreatamherst.com).

**It is very important that all children are registered no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>.** Books and other supplies will be ordered in July. Prompt registration is also needed to help us with planning the number of catechists we will need for each grade level. **Any registrations sent in after June 30<sup>th</sup> should include a \$10 (per student) late fee.** If your child/children are not returning to the program next year, please call the Religious Education Office to let us know.

**There is always a need for catechists, teachers' aides, and office help in our Religious Education Program. Please consider this important ministry to the children of our parish family. Call the office if you feel called to this ministry.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 835-8905 x 14. Please know of our prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Lalka  
Director of Religious Education

**ST. LEO THE GREAT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORM**  
**885 SWEET HOME RD. AMHERST, NY 14226**

**Due By June 30, 2011**

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (First Name) (Nickname)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street No.) (City) (Zip)

PARENT E-MAIL ADDRESS(ES) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE IN SEPT. 2011 \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL IN SEPT. 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

If your family will be participating in the At-Home/ Sunday Program please write that on the top of this form.

FATHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S WORK and CELL PHONE NO.: CELL \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S WORK and CELL PHONE NO.: CELL \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_

WITH WHOM DOES THE STUDENT LIVE? (Circle One):  
Both parents    Mother Only    Father Only    One parent, one step-parent  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCES TO: (MR. & MRS.) (MRS.) (MR.) (MS.) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHONER AT ST. LEO'S? YES NO  
IF NOT, TO WHICH PARISH DO YOU BELONG? \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOUR CHILD WAS NOT IN ST. LEO'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM LAST YEAR. IF YOUR CHILD WAS NOT IN ST. LEO'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM LAST YEAR AND WAS BAPTIZED AT A PARISH OTHER THAN ST. LEO'S, PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF HIS/HER BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE.

SACRAMENTS RECEIVED:  
Parish, City, & Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish, City, & Date of Reconciliation \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish, City, & Date of Eucharist \_\_\_\_\_

BROTHERS & SISTERS (Names, Ages): \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Phone #) (Relationship)

FEE: (Check One)	<u>PARISHIONER'S FEE</u>	<u>NON-PARISHIONER'S FEE</u>
____ Check ____ Cash	\$70.00-one child	\$95 per child
Include \$10/child late	\$125-two children	
fee after June 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$165-3 or more children	

ON THE REVERSE SIDE, PLEASE LIST ANY MEDICAL CONDITION, EMOTIONAL PROBLEM OR LEARNING DISABILITY THAT MIGHT BEAR ON THE STUDENT'S PERFORMANCE OR BEHAVIOR. (EX. EPILEPSY, ALLERGIES, DIABETES, READING PROBLEM, A.D.D. ETC.)