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The Catholic Community of St. Thomas More
2008-2009 Faith Development Program

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REGISTRATION FORM

Dear Parents:

We invite you to register your children/youth with the Faith Development Program at St. Thomas More. In this program, our goal is to assist your children/youth's development as disciples of Christ, a journey in which you – their parents – have the primary role. We do this by providing catechesis for all children/youth on Sundays between September and May, along with social and service opportunities. *Classes begin September 14th.*

Please read the form carefully, taking care to complete all necessary sections for the program(s) in which your children are enrolled, including the sacramental history, medical/allergy information, photo authorization, volunteer/stewardship opportunities, and the enclosed yellow Personal Information Sheet from the Diocese of Raleigh.

Please note that all participating families must be registered members of St. Thomas More. Parish registration forms are available at the parish office or at church.st-thomasmore.org/fd_registration. The registration deadline for the Faith Development program is September 5, 2008, after which a late fee of \$25.00 per family will be charged. If you have any questions, please call the Faith Development office at 933-1041.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are normally celebrated in Second Grade and Confirmation is usually celebrated in Tenth Grade. All sacramental preparation last two years. If you have children older than this who need these sacraments, they will be placed in the appropriate sacramental preparation class for their age group. Children in Grades 3 through 5 will be placed in a sacramental preparation class that meet during one of the Elementary Faith Development sessions on *Sunday mornings*. **This year, all sacramental preparation for Junior High and High School youth will be conducted during JYM and TYM sessions from 6:30pm to 8:00 pm on Sunday evenings.**

TIME AND LOCATION FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Elementary Faith Development

Session 1: 9:25 am - 10:40 am

Session 2: 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

All Elementary Faith Development classes meet in the STM Elementary School classrooms. Numbers will be limited at both sessions, so register early to ensure your child/children is able to attend the session of your choice. Please indicate the session of your choice on page 3 of the registration form. Minimum age recommended for entry into Elementary Faith Development is that the child should have been born before 1/1/2004.

Junior High Youth Ministry (JYM) and High School Total Youth Ministry (TYM)

JYM (Grades 6-8): 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

TYM/WIRED (Grades 9-12) Session 1: 4:00pm - 5:30pm* **Session 2:** 6:30pm - 8:00 pm

Both JYM and TYM meet on Sunday evenings. JYM classes meet in the STM Elementary School classrooms, while TYM classes meet in the Middle School classrooms, and WIRED meets in the Youth House.

***TYM/WIRED Session 1 will only be offered if a minimum number of 50 youth register by September 5, 2008. You will be contacted if the session needs to be cancelled.**

Home Catechesis

The Office of Faith Development provides support for families who wish to provide catechesis to their children/youth at home. More information regarding Home Catechesis can be found at church.st-thomasmore.org/home_catechesis.

CATECHISTS AND VOLUNTEERS

Parents are encouraged to support the program as catechists or volunteers. This way you can take an active role in serving other children of the parish in their faith development as well as your own. The many possible ways of helping are listed in each program's section. In recognition to full-time volunteers, fees for Faith Development are waived.

Yours in Christ,

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FAMILY INFORMATION

Family Last Name _____ Family E-mail _____
 Address _____ Home Phone _____
 Mother's Name _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Father's Name _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Registered STM Parishioner? YES NO If NO, please attach a completed Parish Registration Form available in the Narthex and online at www.church.st-thomasmore.org and click on "Join our Parish" or call 933-1041.

CHILD/YOUTH INFORMATION

CHILD/YOUTH FULL NAME	BIRTH DATE	GRADE	SCHOOL	SACRAMENTS RECEIVED*			
				B	R	E	C

* Please indicate sacrament/s received with a check mark: B - Baptism; R - 1st Reconciliation; E - 1st Eucharist; C - Confirmation

SESSION AND CLASS PLACEMENT INFORMATION

ALL CLASSES ARE HELD ON SUNDAYS. Please indicate session choice:

- EFD (Elementary) Session 1 (9:25am - 10:40am) Session 2 (11:00am - 12:15pm)
 TYM /WIRED (High School) Session 1 (4:00pm – 5:30 pm)* Session 2 (6:30pm – 8:00pm)

JYM(Junior High) classes are held from 6:30pm – 8:00pm only. *TYM/WIRED Session 1 will only be offered if a minimum number of 50 youth register by September 5, 2008. You will be contacted if the session needs to be cancelled.

For JYM/TYM youth, please indicate a friend you would like to be in a peer group with: _____

Are you providing HOME CATECHESIS for any of your children/youth? YES NO
 If YES, please list name and grade of child/youth you will be teaching at home: _____

FEES

REGISTRATION FEE	\$ 100 per child/youth or \$250 maximum per family	\$
HOME CATECHESIS REGISTRATION FEE	\$25 per family	\$
LATE FEE for registrations submitted after September 5, 2008	\$25 per family	\$
Fees are waived for full time volunteers (see other pages for descriptions). Are you willing to volunteer full time?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
No family will be excluded due to inability to pay. Do you need scholarship assistance? If yes, the Scholarship and Payment Plan Form (available from the Office of Faith Development or) must accompany registration.		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		\$

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received:	Amount Paid:	Check #	Balance Due:
Entered in ACS:	Scholarship Form Received:		

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CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM

EVIDENCE OF BAPTISM IS REQUIRED FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION EVEN IF BAPTIZED AT ST. THOMAS MORE. Your registration is incomplete without this certificate. Please submit a copy of baptismal certificate:

- if your child is entering 1st Grade
- if your child is in 2nd Grade preparing for First Eucharist and did not submit a baptismal certificate last year
- if your youth is preparing for Confirmation
- if your child/youth is seeking sacramental preparation and was baptized in another faith.

Baptismal certificate is ENCLOSED PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BAPTIZED AT STM _____ (month/year)

PHOTO AUTHORIZATION

There may be times throughout the year in which your child's photo may be taken individually or with a group. These photos are sometimes displayed in the Church or used on our parish web site. No names will be used in connection with these photographs. **Please indicate permission for each child/youth. If not checked it will be assumed photos are permitted.**

NAME OF CHILD/YOUTH	PARISH WEBSITE	CHURCH DISPLAYS
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

The Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection has mandated that all volunteers who work directly with children or youth in our parish be subject to full and complete background checks. This procedure will seek to ensure the safety of young people in our care. In addition, **all parents/guardians of faith development youth are required to fill out the enclosed yellow "Personal Information Sheet"** in the event that an occasional visit to the classroom may occur. All forms will be confidentially secured within the Office of Faith Development. **Parents who do not fill out this form will not be allowed to enter any faith development classroom or volunteer for any activity where children/youth other than their own are present.**

MEDICAL AND ALLERGY INFORMATION

NAME OF CHILD/YOUTH	MEDICAL CONDITION	FOOD ALLERGY	MEDICAL ALLERGY

Family Medical Insurance Company _____ ID/Policy No. _____

Emergency Contact (other than parent) _____ Phone _____

I give permission for my child, in case of an emergency, to be taken to a physician or hospital by the STM parish personnel. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me. If I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the emergency physician to hospitalize and secure proper treatment for my son/daughter.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

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ELEMENTARY FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Our Program would not exist without the participation of many volunteers. Please consider the volunteer opportunities below, or bring your own innovative ideas to the Faith Development staff. NOTE: People in full-time volunteer positions, indicated by **BOLD PRINT AND CAPS** receive free tuition for their children. Training and support is given for all positions by Faith Development staff. We usually assign a team of 2 catechists and 1 assistant per class.

VOLUNTEER NAME _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

PLEASE CHECK THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT MATCH YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

VOLUNTEER AND STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES	DESCRIPTION
<input type="checkbox"/> RCIA-C CATECHIST	Work with children preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation and their families, weekly, and attend RCIA-C Catechist meetings.
<input type="checkbox"/> SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CATECHIST Do you want your child in your class? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Teach children older than Second Grade who are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.
<input type="checkbox"/> EFD CATECHIST Do you want your child in your class? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Prepare for and teach Sunday morning classes; attend catechist formation sessions within our parish and, occasionally, within our deanery.
<input type="checkbox"/> ASSISTANT CATECHIST Do you want your child in your class? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Support another catechist with the practicalities and logistics of Sunday morning classes; attend catechist formation sessions within our parish and, occasionally, within our deanery.
<input type="checkbox"/> OFFICE VOLUNTEER	Assist the program coordinator during the class period collecting attendance rosters, preparing resources and supplies, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC MINISTER	Teach music to children weekly, and plan music for special prayer services, programs, etc. Singers, pianists, guitarists, and other instrumentalists are also needed.
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Volunteer	Help with various one-time activities, prepare crafts for catechists, and assist in faith development office on an as-needed basis.
<input type="checkbox"/> Retreat Volunteers	Assist Directors in delivery of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Family Retreats.
<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute Catechist	Teach or assist teaching a class when other catechists are sick or unavailable.
<input type="checkbox"/> First Eucharist Ushers	Supervise First Eucharist celebrations during Easter season.
<input type="checkbox"/> Game Night Volunteer	Assist with monthly 5 th Grade Game Night.
<input type="checkbox"/> Bilingual Volunteers	To welcome and assist Hispanic Families on Sundays and translate documents.

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JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Because we serve so many young people, our youth ministry program requires the participation of many volunteers. Please look over the volunteer opportunities and indicate how your family would like to give of their time and talent for our parish community. Each family is expected to sign up for at least one activity. **NOTE: Full-time volunteer positions, as indicated in BOLD PRINT AND CAPS receive a tuition waiver for their children enrolled in Faith Development.**

VOLUNTEER NAME _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

PLEASE CHECK THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT MATCH YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

VOLUNTEER AND STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES	DESCRIPTION
<input type="checkbox"/> CATECHIST Do you want your youth in your class? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Lead a small group of youth. Training & curriculum provided. Catechists are asked to attend catechist formation sessions and occasional training seminars
<input type="checkbox"/> SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CATECHIST Do you want your youth in your class? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Teach junior high youth who are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.
<input type="checkbox"/> OFFICE VOLUNTEER	Assists Coordinator of JYM during youth ministry sessions collecting attendance rosters, preparing resources & supplies, Sunday night sessions
<input type="checkbox"/> TRAFFIC SUPERVISOR	Attends youth ministry session to supervise the departure of the junior high school youth.
<input type="checkbox"/> JYM YOUTH COUNCIL PARENT(S)	Attends most youth council meetings to supervise and mentor youth. Assist the JYM Coordinator with planning.
<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute Catechist	Serves as catechist on an occasional youth ministry session
<input type="checkbox"/> JYM Tech Support	Assist with the set-up and tear-down of technology driven presentations (3-4 times during the program year.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Presence Coordinator	Responsible for securing parents to be present on a rotating basis during youth ministry sessions.

ONE-TIME VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pool Party (Aug 18) | <input type="checkbox"/> Food prep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Potluck Kick-off (Sept 14) | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Rec. Chaperone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Supply Drive (Sept) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ski Trip Chaperone (Feb 28) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater Rafting Trip Chaperone (Oct 4-5) | <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge Retreat Chaperone (Feb) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Goods Collection (Oct/Nov) | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Partner Reception (March) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thanksgiving Basket Assembly & Delivery (Nov) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hands and Feet Overnight Retreat (April) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advent Sales (Nov, after masses) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wacky Game Night/5 th Grade Welcome (May) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Family Delivery (Dec) | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 th Grade Graduation Volunteer (May) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Family Gift Wrapping (Dec) | <input type="checkbox"/> End of the Year Trip Chaperone (June) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Movie Night Chaperone (bi-monthly) | |

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TOTAL YOUTH MINISTRY

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VOLUNTEER NAME _____

Phone _____ Email _____

PLEASE CHECK THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT MATCH YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS

VOLUNTEER AND STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES	DESCRIPTION
<input type="checkbox"/> TYM AND CONFIRMATION CATECHIST Do you want your youth in your class? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Lead a small group of youth. Training & curriculum provided. Catechists are asked to attend catechist formation sessions and occasional training seminars
<input type="checkbox"/> SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CATECHIST Do you want your youth in your class? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Lead high school youth who are preparing to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.
<input type="checkbox"/> OFFICE VOLUNTEER	Assists Director of TYM during youth ministry sessions collecting attendance rosters, preparing resources & supplies, Sunday night sessions
<input type="checkbox"/> CONFIRMATION COORDINATORS	Responsible for coordination and implementation of events and activities related to Confirmation.
<input type="checkbox"/> ADULT PRESENCE COORDINATOR	Responsible for securing parents to be present on a rotating basis during youth ministry sessions.
<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute Catechist	Serves as catechist on an occasional youth ministry session
<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Supervisor	Attends youth ministry session to supervise the departure of the high school youth.

ONE-TIME VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potluck Kick-off (Sept 14) | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Presence Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Bank Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Ski Trip Chaperone (Feb 28) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IFC Community Kitchen Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 th Grade Confirmation Retreat Planning Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater Rafting Trip Chaperone (Oct 4-5) | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 th Grade Confirmation Retreat Chaperone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Family Coordinator (Dec) | <input type="checkbox"/> 9 th Grade Confirmation Retreat Planning Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Family Gift Wrapping (Dec) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lock-In Chaperone (quarterly) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Family Delivery (Dec) | <input type="checkbox"/> Movie Night Chaperone (quarterly) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> March for Life Chaperone (Jan 22) | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Convention Chaperone (May) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Sponsor Dinner Volunteer (Jan 24) | <input type="checkbox"/> End of the Year Trip Chaperone (June) |