



St. Bernardine of Siena Youth Ministry

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Middle School Religious Education 2011-2012

Religious Education for grades 7 and 8 combined will be offered on Wednesdays this year. Sessions will run from 4:00-5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. The first session for the program year will be on Wednesday, September 21 and the last session will be on Wednesday, May 2. Sessions will NOT be held on the following dates: 11/23, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 4/4, 4/11.

If you would like to have your child participate, please do the following:

- Complete the *Middle School Religious Education Registration Form* (front and back).
- Review the *Middle School Behavioral Guidelines* with your child and complete the *Acknowledgement of Receipt – Middle School Youth Behavioral Guidelines*.
- Return the *Middle School Religious Education Registration Form* and the *Acknowledgement of Receipt – Middle School Youth Behavioral Guidelines* to my attention in the parish office with a check payable to St. Bernardine Church in the amount of \$55 by September 9th.
- If you would like to assist me in the classroom and your child is okay with you doing so, please let me know.

Thank you.

Peace in Christ,

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St. Bernardine of Siena Catholic Church

Marital Status of Parents: *(Please Circle)* Married Separated Divorced Widowed Unmarried

Make additional notes below, such as additional parent/guardian information, names of stepparents, etc.

With whom does the applicant live? *(Circle all that apply)* Mother Father Stepmother Stepfather Guardian

If parents are separated/divorced and youth splits time between households, please describe arrangements:

EMERGENCY CONTACT

This section must be completed. Contact person must be in the West San Fernando Valley area.

In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me, please contact:

Name: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

In order to be in compliance with the U.S. Bishops' "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," the *VIRTUS: Teaching Touching Safety Program for Children* will be implemented in the Religious Education program.

Your signature gives permission for your child's participation:

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

Fee: \$55 per student

Make checks payable to St. Bernardine Parish

Parent volunteers are always appreciated in the classroom. If you are interested in helping in the classroom and your child doesn't have a problem with you doing so, please let me know. Thank you.



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Middle School Youth Behavior Guidelines

The following behavior guidelines are to be observed at all times by participants. Participants who break any of these behavior guidelines may be sent home, requiring that a parent or guardian come to pick them up immediately.

THERE WILL BE RESPECT FOR ALL PROPERTY

Property of St. Bernardine Parish, School, and surrounding areas shall not be damaged, taken, marked, nor vandalized in any way. Personal property shall not be used without permission nor damaged in any way.

THERE WILL BE CONCERN FOR SAFETY AND RESPECT FOR THE LAW

Participants are to cooperate with, and conform to, the directions and instructions of St. Bernardine Parish staff and volunteers. There shall be no drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products in any participant's possession. Physically, verbally, or emotionally abusive behavior towards others will not be tolerated. Foul language and dirty jokes are unacceptable. Roughhousing or fighting of any kind will not be tolerated.

THERE WILL BE RESPECT, COOPERATION, AND APPROPRIATE PARTICIPATION

Everyone will get the most out of programming if we respect one another and participate fully, actively, consciously, and conscientiously. Unnecessary talking during times of prayer, sharing, and/or reflection will not be tolerated. Electronic and communication devices are to be turned off and kept out of sight during programming.

APPROPRIATE ATTIRE WILL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES

Attire or exposure that is deemed indecent or inappropriate by staff and/or volunteers will not be tolerated, including, but not limited to: exposed underwear, exposed cleavage, bare midriffs, strapless tops, short shorts, skirts, or dresses (the school rule in regards to shorts, skirts, and dresses not ending above where one's fingertips rest on one's legs when one's arms are straight and at their sides applies).

As a result of any violation of these behavioral guidelines, a meeting with parent(s) and youth may be required. At the discretion of the program coordinator, serious infractions may result in the suspension or expulsion of a youth from future programming.

PLEASE KEEP THIS CONTRACT FOR YOUR REFERENCE

COMPLETE AND RETURN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT of Middle School Youth Behavior Guidelines

We, the undersigned, understand and accept the rules, requirements, and consequences of the *Middle School Youth Behavior Guidelines*.

Parent/Guardian's Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Date: _____