

# CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ST DUNSTAN'S BASILICA PARISH

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## Our Program:

- **CURRICULUM:** *Be My Disciples!* RCL Benzinger. For more information see: RCLbenzinger.com. There are parent pages, children pages and sacramental information available to help you in your vocation as parents. *Be My Disciples!* has been recently introduced to the diocese and bases the teaching of the Faith by meeting the youth according to their experience. This means that when we can open a door to their world by touching their hearts the lessons of Our Lord can find a place to grow. Teaching still happens but the approach is more personal. First and foremost we teach the person of Jesus Christ and He taught by entering the world of His listeners. This is what the "experiential approach" means.
- **The Junior Youth Curriculum** consists of Dynamic Catholics Program Decision Point. You may find out more about this at: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation>. This program is used for youth preparing for the sacrament and not just immediate reception. This is why it is suitable for all grades from 7-9. The catechist will be sending out more information on this and if your child will need to bring anything with them.
- **Meeting Times:**
  - **All classes will take place on Sunday Mornings from 9am - 10:15am.**
  - We meet in the basement of the Basilica
- **FEES**
  - In order to offset some of the costs of materials and curriculum we are asking a small fee from those participating in the program.
  - Fees for this year are: \$25 per student and \$50 for a family.

## Some IMPORTANT notes:

1. **Sacramental Classes:**
  - a. Youth celebrating sacraments (First Reconciliation and Holy Communion and Confirmation) must attend regular lessons. If they are not excused in advance and are absent too often, they will be placed in next year's program.

- b. Baptismal certificates must be handed in by December 2019. A copy or scan is fine. If child was baptized at St Dunstan's then names and dates are sufficient.
2. **Please CHECK YOUR EMAIL.** All information will be sent out by e-mail.
- a. For **storm days** please check your email in advance to find the latest notice. On Sunday morning please check your emails. I will send out notice by 8am.

**Dear Parents,**

*May the many blessings of God be upon you! You have the great gift of being the primary teachers of the Catholic Faith to your children. This means **YOU are the most important people in your children's life** when it comes to handing on the great treasures and truths of our Faith. It is our pleasure to be able to assist you in your calling as parents.*

*It goes without saying that we cannot do this without you taking part. We need you to introduce yourself to the catechist; to accompany your child into the classroom on Sunday mornings; to be there when help is needed; to meet with your kids for Mass and prayers; and above all, to place attending the Mass as your prime importance on Sunday. Let us help one another so that the bond of unity and family be a sacrament – a visible reality of God's Holy presence – for all to see.*

*You are so dear to the Lord's heart. Know this and that He wants you to have every joy possible in your life. We are made in His image and as Community we come together to reflect His likeness.*

*Joy and Peace be yours. You may reach me any time at: [Stdunstanscatechism@gmail.com](mailto:Stdunstanscatechism@gmail.com) or by telephone, txt or voice mail: **902-393-6047**.*

*Yours,*



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