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## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH

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*all are welcome*

July 7, 2011

Dear Confirmation Candidates and Parents,

I hope that all of you have begun to enjoy your summer! This mailing includes your registration form for the 2011-2012 school year. Please read through this letter for lots of important information about the coming year.

**SCHEDULE:** Please be aware that our first meeting – attendance required – will be **Sunday, September 18 at 5:30pm**. We will meet at 5:30 in the **Lower Church Hall** for a brief orientation, opening announcements, and small group assignments. We will then attend the 6pm Mass together (*this is a requirement*), and students will be free to leave when Mass ends at 7pm. The schedule for the entire year is still being finalized, so it will be mailed out later in the summer.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Our Lady's prepares candidates for Confirmation over two years, generally during Grades 9 and 10. The program consists of large-group presentations one week, followed by a small-group discussion the next week. Candidates are assigned to small groups based on their friend requests and my intention to balance gender (Grade 10 will keep their same small groups from last year). Grade 9 has an afternoon retreat here at the church, while Grade 10 takes an overnight retreat. We meet for 10 classes (plus orientation) on Sunday nights, from 7-8pm. Large-group meetings are held in the Lower Church Halls, while small-group discussions meet in various spaces and classrooms in the parish offices and Trinity Catholic High School. *We do NOT meet every week, which is why it is SO IMPORTANT that you check your email each week, so that you know whether we have class and where we're meeting.*

**FEE:** The fee for the Confirmation program is \$100.00 per student. If possible, we appreciate you including your payment when you return your registration form. We will never turn anyone away who cannot pay the fee if there is **significant need**. However, you **must** speak with Kristina if this is the case. Multiple smaller payments throughout the year are welcome. **Parents who volunteer EVERY WEEK do not pay tuition.**

**FOR ALL INCOMING 9<sup>th</sup> GRADERS, beginning the Confirmation program:** Because the Confirmation preparation program is very different from the K-8 program here at Our Lady's, all incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders are required to have an **individual meeting** with Kristina during the summer. We will discuss the program requirements and components, and you will have a chance to ask any questions. Each candidate **MUST** schedule an appointment, first-come first-served, and at least one parent **MUST** accompany the candidate. Please email (klukach@ourladys.com) or call 617-527-7560 ext.216 to schedule your meeting. Catholic school students **ARE REQUIRED** to participate in this program.

**VOLUNTEERS** are an absolute necessity for this program to be successful. I am in need of small-group facilitators and hall monitors. With only 10 hour-long sessions in the year, the time commitment is not great, and I give discussion ideas each week to help out. There is also a need for help at both retreats in the winter. Please indicate on your registration form if you are able to help out. Remember, those who volunteer at every class session do not pay tuition.

Please return your registration forms as soon as possible so that I can begin to plan the classes. Forms can be return via mail or dropped in the **PARISH MAILBOX** to the left of the door with the blue and white awning. **All students must turn in a registration form regardless of past participation in the program.** Please don't delay!

Thank you in advance for your attention to all of these matters. Feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to seeing all of you again in September!

God bless,

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**Our Lady Help of Christians Religious Education  
Registration Form 2011-2012  
Confirmation Program (Grades 9-10)**

**---Class Begins September 18th---**

*Please print clearly and update any incorrect information (especially email address)*

Request for friends must be received by September 1. All forms must be received by September 15 to begin class on opening day.

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Child's Name                      Birth Date      Gender      School Grade      Rel Ed. Grade      If new, previous Rel Ed?

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Address, including ZIP

Home Phone

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Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone(s)

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Family E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address of non-custodial parent/guardian if different than above:

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**REQUIRED** Emergency Contact- NOT PARENT

Name and Relation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sacraments Received (*Please attach copies of certificates for any Sacraments NOT celebrated at Our Lady's*)

Baptism            Y N      Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eucharist            Y N      Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation            Y N      Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's School: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Classroom Needs or Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Any reasons for irregular attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

ONE FRIEND with whom your child would like to be placed \_\_\_\_\_

(GRADE 9 ONLY – Grade 10 will continue with their small group)

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**People who volunteer weekly do not pay for their child's classes. See the included letter for fee information.**

Catechist \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Catechist \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Teach your own child? Y N

Hall Monitor \_\_\_\_\_ Retreat Help/Chaperone \_\_\_\_\_

Help with Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_ Help with Special/Service Events \_\_\_\_\_