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Dear CFF Families,

God is good. All the time!

It is once again time to register your family for the Catholic Faith Formation program! You are welcome to register your children by mail or walk-in. Classes for kindergarten to 6th grade will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Some classes fill up quickly so you will need to register early if you are in need of a specific class time. We cannot add you to a class that is full!

We are offering a discount this year for families with more than one child in our faith formation program: One Child: \$55; Two Children \$100; Three Children \$135. There is an additional fee of \$15 for children who will have their First Communion or their Confirmation. Please indicate with your payment that you are also registering for the Sacrament Preparation. Make checks payable to Divine Mercy Catholic Church. Please feel free to contact the CFF office if you are in need of a payment plan.

Registration is complete when all necessary information has been provided. A late fee of \$10 will be charged to returning CFF families who have not registered by September 6, 2010.

Families new to this year's CFF program: At least one parent must attend the information parent session to be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the Narthex.

The CFF year begins on Sunday, September 19th. Families are invited to attend the Catechetical Sunday Celebration during the 12 Noon Mass. Our annual kickoff will be held in the Church after the Mass. The children will be welcomed and the Catechists will be introduced. Please make every effort to join us as we gather together to start the new year.

Please do not hesitate to call the CFF office (265-0299) if you have any questions.

Parents are the primary educator of the faith. We are here to assist you.

In His Mercy,

Sr. Dolly

CFF and RCIA
Class Descriptions

Kindergarten: Kindergarten children will learn and relate to God's love through Scripture, story, activity and music.

First Grade to Sixth Grade: Baptized children will attend the CFF class that is the grade they are attending in public school.

First Reconciliation & First Communion (Sacrament Preparation): Children that have already attended the first year of CFF (either at Divine Mercy or another parish*) will finish their second year of the required two years during the CFF classes. The maximum allowed number of absences for the CFF class is three. Sunday Mass attendance is required. They will also attend the Sacrament Preparation classes to specifically prepare them for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. These classes will be held at 6:00 pm in the Church on the third Tuesday of each month, (except in December which will be on the second Tuesday). The Sacrament Preparation class will be for the child/children and one parent/guardian.

Seventh Grade: Children that have already received their First Communion will attend the Confirmation I/II class. This class will count as the first year of Confirmation Preparation.

Eighth Grade: Children that have already attended Pre-Confirmation at Divine Mercy or another parish* will prepare to have their Confirmation during this CFF year. For eighth grade children that did not attend Pre-Confirmation and have already received their First Communion this will count as the first year of the Confirmation Preparation.

Confirmation: Children that are preparing to receive their Confirmation are required to complete additional hours of service, attend a weekend retreat, a one day Diocesan Conference and exhibit a desire to become fully initiated in the Catholic Church. The maximum allowed number of absences for the CFF class is three. Sunday Mass attendance is required. Confirmation Date is set by the Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento. Parents will be informed when we receive the schedule. This is a very important time in the life of your child. Additional parents meetings will be required.

Rite of Christian Initiation: RCIA is for children between the ages of 8 and 17 that have not received the sacrament of Baptism or children between the ages of 8 and 17 who were baptized and did not attend any religious instruction in the Catholic Church. The RCIA process requires a serious family commitment. Parents must schedule an appointment with Sr. Dolly prior to enrollment to discuss the initiation process.

*For children that have attended CFF in another parish a letter provided by the other parish acknowledging their attendance is needed to complete the registration.