

September 2, 2007

Dear Leaders of Children's Liturgy:

Thank you for volunteering to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Parents continue to tell us how much it means that you help their little ones hear the Sacred Scripture. The children seem to love to come down to the Commons.

Children's liturgy will begin September 16<sup>th</sup> during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. CLW will run through April 27, 2007. We only have enough teachers to have the first and second grade children participate. Try to help bring the children to listening to scriptures. When relating it to their lives, use examples that fit their age.

Each liturgy begins in the church, so please take your place inside the doors before Mass begins. Then proceed to the foot of the altar and the priest will bless and dismiss the children to you [they should follow you out with you leading and holding up the bible] . This is a good example to the little ones of how you join in the opening song and prayer. ONLY OPEN ONE SET OF DOORS. You will appoint children (2) to carry the candles into the Commons. All children and others come **BEHIND** the candles in a respectful procession. DO NOT light the candles.

Aides can help the leaders see that the children are attentive during the reading of scripture in the big group. Use your aides to separate talkative children. First try tapping the child gently on the shoulder to remind them to listen. As you are dividing up to go into your small groups, please remind the aides to put altar away in the closet before joining you in the group.

When we divide into small groups, gather your children close enough around you that you can talk in a soft voice and all can hear. When the ushers announce that it is near time to go back to church, come to a conclusion and allow a few minutes for a short prayer.

We will leave the Commons by grades (1-2). It is very important to keep the children quiet and orderly so we do not disturb Mass. Please have an aide and a teacher at the back of church to open the doors at the right time. ALL children must enter from the back at the same time. We go up after the gifts are taken up.

Thank you for this beautiful service to our children. We are looking forward to a great year.

In Faith,

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Catechetical Leader