

Basilica of San Albino

CCD

NEWSLETTER



A monthly information newsletter for parents and children
of the Basilica of San Albino's Religious Education Program

Going to School Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus take my hand, I'm going to a foreign land. One not ruled by king or preacher, but someone with the name of teacher.

My mommy says that I'll have fun; I'll sing and skip and play and run. But I am scared 'cause I don't know just what to do or where to go.

So please Lord Jesus hug me tight and keep



me in your loving sight. For with you by my side today, I know that I will be okay.

—Margaret Kennedy

Welcome to our Parish Religious Education Program

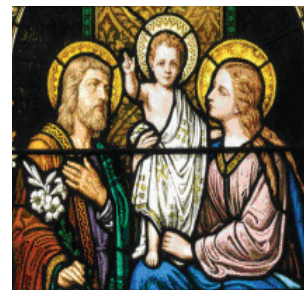
We believe that all life is filled with learning. Our faith is a very important part of this learning experience.

The goals of the Basilica of San Albino Religious Education are:

- To build upon the religious faith nurtured by families and celebrated in baptism
- To provide religious formation which is consistent with the basic traditions and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church as reflected in the direction set by the Second Vatican

Council and its applications to contemporary living.

- To provide the opportunity to experience the rich sacramental life of the Church, which can nourish and sustain life.
- To create a sense of community identity which can be an ever deepening experience of Church for children and their families.
- To involve people in the mission of the Church on all levels of development.



The Holy Family

- To assist the growth of parents in their roles as "religious educators," and to enjoy this interaction with their children.

Our Catechists

Pre-K/Kinder
Aurora Wright
Richard Wright

First Grade
Linda Bell-Florez

Second Grade
Francis Padilla

**Third Grade
(First Holy Communion)**
Nicole Ikard
Christina Villegas-Fierro

Fourth/Fifth Grade
Viola Lucero

Sixth/Seventh
Irene Calderon

Eighth/Ninth Grade
Ofelia Meraz
Richard Wright

Pre-Confirmation
Mark Sevachko

Confirmation
Jeff Barnett

"Catechesis is an education in the faith of children, young people, and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into fullness of Christian life."

~ Catechism of the Catholic Church: 4-5

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CCD Calendar of Events September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 St. Gregory the Great	4 St. Rose of Viterbo	5 Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta
6 No CCD	7 Labor Day	8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin	9 St. Peter Claver	10 St. Thomas Villanova	11 St. Cyprian	12 Ordination Mass-IHM Catholic
13 3rd-5th Grade Faith Envrn.	14 The Triumph of the Cross	15 Our Lady of Sorrows	16	17 St. Robert Bellarmine	18	19 Youth Retreat
20 6th-11th Grade Faith Envrn.	21 St. Matthew	22	23 St. Padre Pio De Pietrelcina	24 St. Pacifico of San Severino	25	26 Sts. Cosmas & Damian
27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	28	29 Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	30 St. Jerome			

Labor Day: Worth a Second Look

Catholic Dictionary

Chalice: most simply, a chalice is the cup used at Mass to hold the wine which becomes the Precious Blood. A chalice is normally consecrated with chrism by the bishop. Historically, chalices as sacred vessels, were made of precious metals or were gold-plated. However, since Vatican II chalices may be made of other materials such as glass, stone, or wood.

Labor Day is September 7th. How are you planning to celebrate?

- Taking advantage of the Labor Day sales to finish stocking up on school supplies or a new wardrobe?
- Firing up the grill with the fam?
- Headed to the beach for one last blowout to officially close the doors on Summer '09?

This year, why not give Labor Day a second look? Sure, it's a great way to end the summer before getting back to the work of another school year. But there's more to Labor Day than meets the eye....

Labor Day was established in New York in 1882 as a way to recognize work and workers. From its beginning, the holiday was designed to acknowledge and thank those who help to build our nation every day by the work of their hands. And it celebrates the contributions of the American Labor Movement and its efforts to ensure that all workers receive fair wages and reasonable working conditions. For Catholics, these issues are of great importance, and have been for generations. Not sure about that? Were your grandparents or great-grandparents

immigrants from Ireland? Poland? Italy? Germany? For most of them, manual labor was how they began their journey to the American Dream. Some of them experienced first hand what it was like to work for little to no pay in unsafe and unclean factories. Some of them began working before child labor laws existed, going to work rather than receiving an education. Vacation time and health care benefits? Forget it.

And the Catholic Church has been part of the struggle since almost the beginning. The dignity of work and the rights of workers are central to our Catholic social teaching. From 1891, when Pope Leo called us to work for the common good of all, to Pope John Paul II who challenged us to stand in solidarity with workers and the poor, the commitment of the Church is to respond to Jesus' invitation to love "the least of these."

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI has presented our duty to workers and the poor as a labor of love. He says, "Within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life." (Deus Caritas Est). Think

about it this way... if someone in your family was in need or was not being treated well, you'd stand up for them, wouldn't you? Well, if we are part of the Body of Christ, we're all family. And some people in our family are still not being treated well. In the United States alone, there are an estimated 40 million people who lack genuine health care coverage. Around the world, we have brothers and sisters who cannot find decent work or who work for pennies, literally. Children work so that families can collectively earn enough money to pay for food rations. And work conditions in many nations and industries are deplorable.

Labor Day is a day to celebrate - but it's also a day to remember and a day to recommit. This Labor Day, we remember those whose work keeps our nation going and growing. And we recommit, to taking pride in our own work and to discover ways to ensure everyone the same opportunity.

