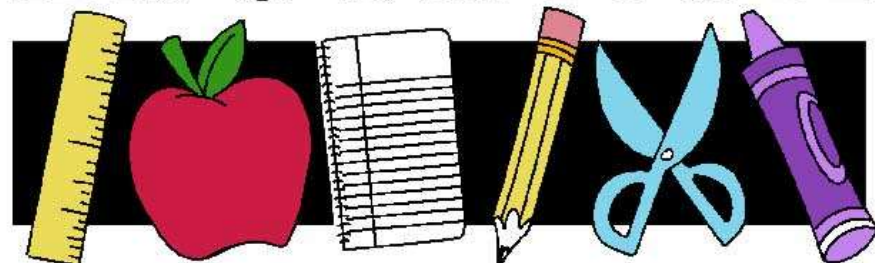




RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Welcome to a New Year of Religious Education

by Phyllis O'Boyle, St. Anthony's Director of Religious Education



I believe the opportunity to develop a relationship with God and a belief that Jesus is our Lord and Savior is the most important gift a parent can give a child. It sets the child up with a support system that will endure for their lifetime. Parents don't always have all the answers to religious questions but if they participate in their children's religious education, they can learn along with their children.

One of my earliest, significant memories is being at the front of the church being baptized at four years old with my parents, my older sister, and my baby sister who cried when she was baptized. My parents made it a priority that their children attend religious education class every **Sunday** and complete Confirmation. I did the same for my children. During the worst times of my life (and there have been many rough times), I never felt alone; I had Jesus by my side. I know my children have that comfort, too, and that comforts me when I can't be with them during rough times.

Peter was a "cradle Catholic". He went to Catholic school K-12. His parents sacrificed in order for him to do that; they made it a priority. They went to daily mass in Catholic school. He told me he never had those questions many people have about the reality of God. He grew up with it being as much a part of his life as his family. He enjoyed learning about the Saints and was inspired by their stories.





ST ANTHONY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR – 2021/2022

OBJECTIVE

To provide education classes and assist parents in education for children in a religious curriculum provided by the Portland Diocese.

It is my belief there is no greater gift a parent can give their child than to provide a quality religious education which gives them the information they need to make a choice to live a Christian lifestyle. A life with Jesus as their Savior. I believe religious education classes are the best way for the Catholic Church to support parents in that mission.

Classes will be held in the parish hall after the 10:00 am Mass on Sundays.

SEPTEMBER- JUNE

September 19 - (first class), 26 - class

October 3, 10, 17, 24 - class

November 7, 14, 21 - class. (November 27, Thanksgiving Break)

December 5, 12, 19 - class, (December 26, Christmas Break)

January 4, 9, 23, 30 - class, (January 16, MLK Break)

February 6, 13, 20 - class

March 6, 13, 27 - class, (March 20, Spring Break)

April 3, 10, 24 - class, (April 17, Easter Break)

May 1, 8, 15, 22 - class, 29, (May 29, Memorial Day Break)

June 5, 12 - class, 19 - (last class)

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- My experience includes many years of teaching religious education, the most recent at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Newport.
- Professionally, I began my career as volunteer for Project Child Find in Grant County in the mid 70's. I traveled the county asking people to vote for the ballot measure 94-142 which mandated Special Education and provided funding. While I was advocating, I was seeking out children with disabilities who were not in school. I went to post offices in small towns and asked if they knew of any children with disabilities. I was told, "We take care of our own, we don't need to send them to John Day for school." However, I persisted and got the information. After the passing of 94-142 I was a Special Education teaching assistant for seven years in a self-contained classroom. Some of the children I had discovered. When my children were old enough, I returned to college and earned my teaching credential. I taught public education for over thirty years as a reading, English and Special Education teacher. My first three year's teaching were in Lincoln County Public Schools as a reading specialist and English teacher at Newport High School. I taught one year in Waldport Junior High as a Learning Specialist. We moved to Portland, and I taught at Martin Luther King School for three years. Next, we moved to Palmdale, California where I taught in a Special Education, self-contained classroom, grades 4-6 for three years. Then, we moved to Long Beach, California where I taught Special Education in a self-contained classroom, grades 1-3, for eight years, pre-school, ages 3- Kindergarten for one year before I was promoted to Program Specialist, an administrative position, for two years. Finally, my husband retired, and we moved back to Lincoln County. I taught at Toledo Jr. and Sr. High as a Special Education, learning specialist for 7 years before retiring.
- My credentials include: a BS in Psychology/ BS in Elementary Education (magna cum laude) at Eastern Oregon University. I earned certifications to teach Reading and Art with my BS. I earned my Master's Degree at Western Oregon University in Special Education. Post graduate, I earned a certification in English as a Second Language (ESL). Post graduate, I earned my School Administration, Tier I, at Azusa Pacific University.