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WELCOME BACK!

Thank you, one and all, for your outstanding participation in the Opening Liturgies/First Classes of 2009-10! I have heard positive comments from parents and teachers alike. Your enthusiasm and support make a difference!

A Huge and Special  to all who baked delicious cookies and volunteered to help with the reception following Opening Liturgies and Meet the Teacher for our first classes!

(Image from the USCCB inserted)

This year we continue our focus on the Word of God. You may recall that last year's theme was *The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church*. As we prayed during our Opening Liturgies, "let us open our minds and hearts to **hear** God's Word, proclaimed to us...to **live** God's Word each day as we go to school and work, as we talk with our parents, brothers and sisters and friends...to **become** God's Word to all those we meet."

Every Grade of Religious Education is important!

As I mentioned at our Opening Liturgies, and have repeated each year, each grade level has learning objectives that build upon the previous years' objectives. It is crucial that your children build a solid foundation for their understanding and practice of the faith. Please help "spread the message!" If you know someone who has not yet registered, please encourage them to do so.

This year, we are holding a special meeting for all new families and those who have a child in first grade. The meeting will be Wednesday, October 28, at 7:30 p.m. Representatives from the Education Committee as well as parents and students will be a part of the evening's panel. Please plan to attend!

Every year and every child is important!

Mission Statement

St. Brigid of Kildare Religious Education Program offers opportunities to all parishioners to improve their knowledge and practice of Catholicism. ... all parishioners are encouraged to know and share the truths of our Catholic faith.

Save the Date--and your Treasures!

Saturday, October 10, 2009, is the Hunt for Treasure Sale at St. Brigid. We will be collecting items on Thursday and Friday, October 8 and 9, in the school cafeteria. Watch for more details in the packet!

Trick-or-Treat For Kids-to-Kids

Continuing our long tradition at St. Brigid, our younger students will again be participating in the Holy Childhood *Trick-or-Treat for Kids-to-Kids* as the children "beg" for candy and also "beg" for money for children around the world who have to literally beg for their daily food. Mission boxes will be distributed the week of October 26, 2009 (the next "Packet-Pick-up"). Please return the mission boxes to the teachers at the following week's class.

From the Missions office's newsletter: The Holy Childhood Association (HCA) is charged with "children helping children," as envisioned by French Bishop Charles de Forbin-Janson in 1843. HCA helps to animate children from kindergarten through eighth grade to a universal missionary spirit and to gather funds for the mission dioceses that serve the poorest of the world's children. Many of our schools and religious education programs participate in HCA.



In other words, this is a great way to "Proclaim the Word of God" in our daily



Confirmation Meeting-September 30, 7:30 p.m.

First Communion Celebration of Belonging

October 6, 7:00 p.m. Both events are held in Church!



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