

Our Lady of Dolours

† The Catholic Parish of Chatswood, Diocese of Broken Bay †

1 May 2008

To: Parents of Year 2 children enrolled in Catholic SRE ('scripture class')
From: Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Parish, Chatswood
Re: Children's Sacramental Program 2008/2009

Dear Parents,

Please find enclosed brochures and enrolment form for our Children's Sacramental Program.

The program begins in June 2008 and concludes May 2009. It is a three stage process through which your child is prepared for and receives three sacraments: Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Communion. The program is coordinated by Tanya Ceravolo and Mary Tobin and a team of parishioners/parish personnel.

Enrolments take place at the parish hall after all the Masses (except 7.30am) on the weekend of 21-22 June. You need to bring with you the completed enrolment form plus the other items mentioned in the brochure to this enrolment time. You will notice that the enrolment form asks you to nominate a Sponsor and a Confirmation name for your child. Please give this some thought and discuss it with your child before enrolment day. A helpful website for saints' names is <http://wordbytes.org/saints/names.htm>

In the mean time, we would like to offer your child a little gift: a children's prayer book (enclosed). We encourage you to help your child to choose a prayer each day or each week, and to pray it with your child, or perhaps as a family. This would be a wonderful 'warm up' to your child's sacramental journey.

Your child must be a baptized Catholic in order to enter the Sacramental Program. If your child has not yet been baptized, please feel welcome to contact the parish to discuss your situation.

Finally, we would like to thank you for caring about your child's faith education and enrolling him/her in Catholic scripture. If you have any questions, please contact:

- Tanya Ceravolo (H: xxxxxx) or Mary Tobin (H: xxxxxx), Coordinators of the Children's Sacramental Program; or
- Teresa Pirola, Pastoral Associate (sacraments) (W: xxxxxx); or
- Sonia Pleines, CCD Coordinator (W: xxxxxx)

Each family has their unique story as they travel through life. We get all sorts of questions from parents, so don't ever think your question is trivial or unimportant. Your child's faith journey is always important to us.

Yours faithfully,

Teresa Pirola
Pastoral Associate: sacraments