

Our Lady of Dolours

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

Dear Parents,

Just when you thought it was all over!

Congratulations, and thank you for completing the Sacramental Program with your child.

By the end of July the next intake of families will have enrolled for the 2006-2007 Children's Sacramental Program, beginning with Confirmation.

We would like to introduce something new for them: **Prayer Families**. That is, we would like each family to be prayerfully supported by a family from the *previous* year's Sacramental Program.

Would you like to participate in this inaugural **Prayer Family** initiative?
It involves two commitments:

1. To pray for the family assigned to you over the next 12 months, in whatever way your family likes.
 - E.g. Remember them at Mass, pray for them at meal times, light a candle at home.
2. Write the family a letter or card.
 - The card would be delivered to the parish to be given to the family at the Confirmation ceremony on 10 Sept 2006.
 - The gist of the card (in your own words): "To the X Family. We wish you well in your sacramental journey, we have been praying for you and will continue to do so... (signed) The Y Family".

At the beginning of August, we will phone to see if you would like to be a Prayer Family. If yes, we will give you the name of a family to be prayed for. (Note: No addresses or phone numbers will be given out.) If there is a family whom you know personally and wish to pray for, please contact us at the parish (9412 1042) before 30 July.

We hope that this Prayer Family initiative will be another small step towards deepening our sense of community and prayer here at Our Lady of Dolours. Hope you can join us!

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