

Dear Parish Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.) homepage for St. John the Evangelist Parish. I urge you to consult this site periodically for program highlights and updates.

I welcome you to a new and fruitful catechetical year. The catechists and I look forward to working with you for the development of your child's faith life and relationship with the Lord. Following the announcement by Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, that this be the **Year of the Priest**, Cardinal Rigali has asked that each of us make a serious effort to pray that the Church be blessed with more priests, to announce God's holy Word, and to celebrate the sacraments. In our prayers during the year we will be focusing on this intention, and I ask you to please join our effort with prayer in your families for this intention – for it is from generous and good families like yourselves that vocations to the priesthood and religious life emerge. Together let us pledge to do all that we can to help our children know God's generous and faithful love for them, so that they can respond in deed and in truth, growing daily as confident and convinced Catholic Christians. May the Lord bless us all in this awesome task!

As the program's director I am delighted and honored to be of service to you. It is with great enthusiasm that I share my faith commitment with you. I look forward to working with you to provide a firm spiritual commitment for the youth of our *parish*, both in the classroom and in sacramental preparation. I look forward to meeting all of you. If you ever have a question and/or concern, please feel free to contact me at prepdirector@stjohnpa.org, or call the office at 215.295.9239. If you need a Parent Handbook with dates and specifics for the program, please stop in the office.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

God bless!

Sincerely in Christ,
Mrs. Maureen M. Ayes