EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH
at Trinity Cathedral

Sunday School (Pre-school through 5th grade)

Pre-school and Kindergarten/1st Grade children begin their church school experience in "Godly Play," a Montessori-based program that gently nurtures faith as they become immersed in the stories of the Bible and seasons of the church year. Pre-school children should be 3 or 4 years old at the time classes begin.

2nd and 3rd Grade class explores ethics, spirituality, social responsibility and Christian tradition through a Bible-based, multi-sensory program called "Workshop Cycles." Second graders are presented with their own Bibles in the fall as a gift from the Cathedral. This class begins to explore the Bible and the worship liturgy of our church.

4th and 5th Grade children continue the "Workshop Cycles" curriculum used in 2nd-3rd grades and participate in more advanced projects and discussions. Older children are encouraged to become involved in the life of the church as lectors and acolytes.

Youth Groups (6th through 12th grades)

Junior High/Middle School (grades 6-8) and Senior High (grades 9-12)

Our two youth groups— Jr. High (6th-8th grade) and Sr. High (9th-12th grade)—combine open, faith-based conversation about self, spirituality, sexuality, and society with outreach projects, retreats, and social events. The youth groups' adult leaders strive to provide examples of lives lived in faith and remind young people of the ever-present love and mercy of God.

All classes meet at 10:10 am on Sunday morning in Trinity Commons. Teachers are ready to welcome young people by 10:00, giving parents a chance to get to adult programs beginning at 10:10. Sunday School classes end at 11:00; please pick up young children promptly so that teachers are able to get to worship on time.

Children can be registered for Sunday School prior to the start of Sunday School in September, or in any classroom. Please bring young children to their Sunday School room on the first day.

Sunday School Calendar

September 14, 2008	Sunday School/Youth/Child Care registration
September 20	Godly Play Orientation for Parents
September 21	Sunday School/Youth classes begin
October 12	Ministry Marketplace (no classes)
November 30	Intergenerational Advent Event (no classes)
December 14 & 21	Pageant Rehearsals (no Sunday School classes)
December 28	Holiday Break (classes resume January 4)
January 25, 2009	Annual Meeting (no classes; children's activity scheduled)

April 12	Easter (no classes; children's activity scheduled)
May 31	Last day of Sunday School/Youth classes
June 7	Sunday School Celebration
June 14	Recognition of Graduates

Parent volunteers are always needed and welcome to be Sunday School teachers, classroom helpers, nursery parents, craft activity assistants and chaperones. Contact Ginger Bitikofer if you have a little or a lot of time to give, 216-774-0407 or gbitikofer@dohio.org.

Child Care (Infant to 4 years)

Children are always welcome in the worship of the church. Trinity also offers nursery care in the lower level of Trinity Commons on Sunday mornings 8:45 am-12:30 pm and during other events as announced. Two regular child caregivers provide a secure environment for children. Parents are welcome to stay with their child or they may sign up to volunteer in the nursery. Please sign your child in and out of the nursery, and give the caregivers your location and any special instructions regarding your child.

Children may borrow books and crayons from the children's book cart in the Ambulatory during church services. A "soft space" stocked with quiet toys is located in the West Transept, next to the Baptistry, for the use of parents and small children during church services.

Families who need a quiet place during a worship service may take a child or children into the Chapter Room; there are comfortable furnishings, room to move around and a basket of items for children there.

Once each month, while parents listen to the 9:00 am worship service sermon, children are invited to the Chapel for a "Chapel Chat." Topics are usually seasonal and educational, and will include reading stories, quiet conversation, coloring and crafts.

For the safety of our children, adult supervision is always recommended in and around Trinity Cathedral and Commons.

Confirmation

Confirmation at Trinity isn't about learning the answers, but about beginning to ask the questions. We invite youth 9th grade and above to explore the process of confirmation in the Episcopal Church. We pair each youth with an adult mentor who's ready to talk about God, church, and faith. We'll pair youth and mentors in early spring. For more information, please call or e-mail Cathedral Intern Adam Spencer, 216-774-0415, aspencer@dohio.org.