

All Souls Children's Choir



CHOIR YEAR: 2009 - 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

I am really excited about the beginning of our children's choir programming at All Souls Church and School. Our first rehearsal will be on **Wednesday, October 28**. All children in **grades 2 through 6** are invited to participate in the choir.

Children should meet Mr. David (McGhee) at the flagpole in All Souls School courtyard after dismissal. Following a brief break allowing students to use the restrooms, he will escort them to the Historic Chapel for rehearsal. Students attending from public schools or home schools should be brought directly to the courtyard or Chapel depending upon arrival time. The session will last from **2:30 - 3:30 PM**. Children **must** be picked up inside the Chapel, and any remaining All Souls School students will be walked to Extended Care where they can be picked up.

The choir will sing at a weekend Church Mass once a month and the School Mass once a month. If your child serves in any other liturgical ministry (i.e., Altar Servers), arrangements need to be made so that he or she is only participating through one ministry that particular Sunday. As the choir develops, additional opportunities for more involvement (i.e., cantoring) will be available. As the children's choir programming grows in the future, it is our plan to have multiple choirs with appropriate age groupings.

This year the All Souls Music Ministry debuted a new music ministry website. There is a link to this on the main Church website, or you can go directly there...allsoulsmusic.com Once on the website, select "**Choirs & Music Opportunities**" then "**Children's Choir.**" There will be a registration form there with instructions for returning it.

A very exciting aspect of the Children's Choir this year will be our involvement with *Pueri Cantores*. Pueri Cantores is an official organization of children and youth within the Catholic Church, sanctioned by Pope John Paul II. As part of this, the children will learn and participate in the great liturgical music of the Catholic Church. This year's FL Festival will be held at the Basilica of National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe in Orlando. Nationally known conductor John Romeri, Music Director at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis (St. Louis, Missouri) will direct the choir. Students from around the entire State of Florida participate, with additional choirs coming from neighboring states.

I greatly look forward to working with the children. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. This information is available through the website: allsoulsmusic.com

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