

# JOIN THE "CIA"

## *CHRIST IN ACTION*

Children's Performing Arts Ministry  
St. Joseph Basilica, Alameda

**CIA: *Christ In Action*** is our new Children's Performing Arts Ministry to enhance the Sunday liturgy experience. Parish children between the ages of 4 and 13 are invited to participate in CIA to bring the Gospel to life through drama, song and movement.

***Train up a child in the way he or she should go and when he or she is old he or she will not depart from it. -Proverbs 22:6*** It is our mission to get children excited to actively participate in Mass and to learn about God's Word and how they can rely on it as they navigate the twists and turns of growing up in today's world.

***And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." -Mark 16:15*** The use of drama, song and movement is a creative and fun way to empower children with the knowledge and understanding of God's promises and the mercy and love of His son, Jesus Christ, so that they may truly know the love of God and what Jesus has done for them. Ultimately, it is our goal to develop young disciples who can confidently go forward and share God's good news with the world.

## **CURRICULUM**

***Let them praise His name with dancing; Let them sing praises to Him. - Psalm 149:3*** Movement and dance are forms of praising and worshiping God. Children will experience the joy of the Lord through lifting their hands and moving their feet in praise to Him, in coordination with the Children's Choir. Children will also participate in skits to bring the Gospel to life.

## **SCHEDULE**

CIA will serve at the monthly 9:30 am Family Mass starting October 13. Additional Masses are November 3, December 1 (and 4:00 pm Dec 24), January 12, February 9, March 1, April 12, May 10 and June 21. Practices are held every Tuesday from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm in the Basilica, beginning on September 10. There will also be a morning rehearsal the day before each Family Mass.

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

Parent involvement is a vital part of CIA. Parents assist the director at each rehearsal and during the Family Masses. You are also needed to help with making costumes, gathering props and designing and building sets. If you are interested in being an adult volunteer, please contact Anne Marie Fourné at [afourre@sjbalameda.org](mailto:afourre@sjbalameda.org) for details. (Safe Environment requirements apply.)

Parents are welcome to watch practices but are asked to sit in the back and to keep talking at a minimum so that the children are not distracted. Younger siblings can remain in church if quietly seated; otherwise parents are asked to accompany them outside to play.

## **ABOUT THE DIRECTOR**

Carmyn Manibusan Amaya returns home to St. Joseph after being the Artistic Director of the Children's Drama Ministry and the Choreographer of Wee Praise Dance Ministry at Kaleo Christian Fellowship for 12 years. Carmyn is passionate about sharing God's word through song and dance with the children. She looks forward to seeing the children boldly rise up and praise God with confidence as they go out and bring the good news of God and our Savior, Jesus Christ, to the world.

### **CIA: Christ in Action Registration Form**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Special Needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)' Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Number \_\_\_\_\_

*By registering my child in CIA, I grant permission to St. Joseph Basilica to use his/her photograph in parish media.*