

SUNDAY SCHOOL 1995 ANNUAL REPORT ADDENDUM

Two major changes occurred within the Sunday School program for school year 1995-96.

In conjunction with the Diocese declaring 1995 as "The Year of the Bible", the superintendent decided to incorporate the Holy Bible in the curriculum. We used the donations from each student's family to purchase user-friendly, age appropriate Bibles for each child. The total cost of \$800 was offset by the donations.

The Bibles were blessed by Der Hayr and given out to the students in September. The children are learning the parts of the Bible as well as the content on a weekly basis.

The second change was instituting Family Worship Sunday at St. James. Held on the second Sunday of the month, Family Worship Sunday is a shortened version of the Badarak, with portions recited in English. It is an opportunity for families to worship together and for the children to actively participate in the service. For instance, the processional cross is carried, the Badarak books are handed out, the kiss of peace is passed on, the Bible verse is read, the collection plate is passed, and Mas distributed -- all by the children. This has really proved to be a success! The children anxiously await their turn to participate.

We would like to thank Der Hayr and The Parish Council for their continuing support of our Sunday School programs.


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