

To: Potential Science Fair Judges

From: Diane Knerr, Chairperson
The Diocesan Science Fair Judges Committee

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Subject: Diocesan Science Fair 2006

The Diocese of Arlington Office of Catholic Schools will sponsor the regional Science Fair for 7th and 8th grade students. This year, the Fair will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2006, at Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington, VA. For the past nine years, the Science Fair has provided a forum for the young people with outstanding science projects from each of the Diocesan elementary schools to display their hard work and talent and to compete with other projects in the same category.

We are asking for help in judging this year's Fair. One of the experiences which stand out in almost every student's memory is that of being able to prepare to explain their project to a "judge" who works or has a background in the field of Science and Technology. Young people need to know that adults who work in the field of Science and Technology care about their interest in this vital part of their education.

Judges will be needed from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 29, 2006. Coffee and breakfast rolls will be served at 8:00 A.M. followed by instructions for judging. The judging will begin at 9:00 A.M.

Your assistance with this all-important event would be greatly appreciated. Please review the enclosed Category Descriptions list and indicate on the enclosed response form your preferred category for judging. We will make every effort to honor your preference, but we may need to assign you to a different category based on need. Please be sure to include your email address which will facilitate contacting you with last minute information, if the need arises. The Diocesan Science Fair Committee is also seeking awards and prizes for the participants. If your organization would like to give an award, please indicate that so that the awards committee can contact you.

Your prompt return of the response form will help to facilitate this aspect of the Science Fair in a timely manner.

If you know of other interested, qualified people or organizations we can invite to serve as judges (please indicate contact person), please provide us with the information needed. We will be happy to establish contact with them. Please contact Janet Vetrano at the Office of Catholic Schools if you have need of additional information (703/841-2519) or at j.vetrano@arlingtondiocese.org.

Adult mentoring of young people is an important part of their education. The time spent is an investment in the future of Science and Technology and in the future of our country. Please assist us in making this science fair experience available for all. In advance we thank you for your consideration of this request.

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