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Dear Parents/Guardians,

“Parents are by word and example the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children”
Catechism of the Catholic Church, par. 1656

Parenting is a tough job. We’re entrusted with a human being who needs many types of formation, among them intellectual, emotional, physical, vocational, religious and spiritual. **Providing our children a balanced formation gives them the ‘tools’ necessary to thrive in our sometimes turbulent society.** Our goal is to supplement your personal efforts to pass along authentic Catholic spirituality to your children; helping your family develop a lifelong relationship of trust in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthened through an understanding of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist! **To properly develop this relationship, we cannot emphasize enough, the importance of attending Mass with your family every week, where ever you may be.** (See Catechism reference above.)

We hope and pray that you’ll register your eligible child(ren) for faith formation classes for this academic year, unless they are attending a Catholic school. **Space is limited so please register as soon as possible to ensure your child a seat and to allow us to plan for teacher and material needs.** The registration form and class calendar are on our parish website (see URL above) under the Religious Education tab.

CLASSROOM: Grade K – 7 classes are offered on Sunday mornings immediately after the 9 a.m. Mass. Many families enjoy attending Mass together and then bring the children to **classes which begin at 10:15 a.m. and conclude at 11:30 a.m**

DISTANCE: Grades 4-7 have the option of **online** based distance formation in a continuation of the Distance Formation ‘pilot’. ***Parental participation is recommended and attending periodic Family Gatherings is strongly encouraged.*** Please see the “K-7 Faith Formation Options” sheet link on the website for details.

Program fees for grades K-7 are noted on the registration form; however **NO child will be turned away due to monetary hardship.** If you are experiencing economic difficulties, please call me to make special arrangements. All calls will be treated confidentially.

Thank you for making religious and spiritual formation a priority in your family! Raising your child(ren) to understand, appreciate and live their Catholic faith will have eternal rewards – for them and for you!

God bless you and your family,

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