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Dear families,

As the days of summer come to an end, we look forward to the start of a new catechetical year, full of new friends, new teachers, and new learning experiences! Our theme for this year is *Let your light shine before all*! Through engaging lessons and activities, children will have the opportunity to grow in relationship with Jesus and confidence to share the Good News of Christ with others.

To register for this year's faith formation program, please complete a *Faith Formation Registration Form* (one per family). Forms may be mailed to the parish center office or submitted electronically to <u>Lisa Haas</u> (Please remember to sign and save your PDF file before emailing). Payment may be made manually or through *FaithDirect*. We ask that you please *submit completed registrations by Wednesday, October 4th*. Children will be considered registered upon receipt of a completed registration form and payment.

We are also pleased to continue our adult enrichment sessions this year. These topical discussions take place during your child's religious education session. Our initial presentation is scheduled for Sunday, October 29th, beginning at 1:00pm in the gathering space. The theme will be *Faithful and Compassionate Care: Understanding the Difference Between Hospice Care, Palliative Care, Hospice at Home, Aging at Home, and Everything in Between.* Please consider joining us for these opportunities to grow in faith!

Finally, without the generosity of those willing to share their faith, in-person faith formation is not possible. With a growing program, we are currently *in need of additional catechists and catechist aides*. All lesson resources and support are provided, as well as a small stipend for each session. And the reward of working with children is fantastic!!! We ask that you prayerfully consider being a part of the program, and if interested, or know someone who would be a good candidate, contact <u>Kay</u>. <u>Schachte</u>.

We are looking forward to a wonderful and faith-filled year! If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact <u>me</u>.

With kind regards,