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And just like that.....it's September.....

And Noah and I are delighted to welcome you to Bagels & Basics – your next step in Faith Formation, and in preparing for Confirmation.

Noah Gonring, who joined our staff last year in Youth Ministry, will be working with Freshman in Bagels & Basics, with mini-courses etc. – and all manner of wonderful thing. We are thrilled to be back doing Youth Ministry together again this year.

We know that with the beginning of high school...everything is changed for you....

So we want to make sure that you know that we are here for you...that your faith community is here to help you navigate the next step, and the step after that.... We want you to know that you are not alone; that God is always there for you, that we are here for you, and that your entire family of faith is there for you too.

We are looking forward to walking this next phase of your journey with you in faith.

As the enclosed fabulously color-coded schedule will show you, we begin with our Freshman AND parents on September 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2pm. It would be great if your registration form (enclosed) could be returned by or on that date. We can also accept payment on the 29<sup>th</sup>. A word about payment..... The beginning of our Faith Formation year is hitting right in the middle of some significant changes in our online giving/payment procedures. For that reason we are asking that fees are paid only by check or by cash. Sorry for any inconvenience that causes.

The good news is that high school students only pay once and then are welcome to join us for events throughout their years of high school..... And it all begins on September 29<sup>th</sup>! That day we will talk about high school, about faith, about your faith journey in high school.....so many things – all with the help of Fr. Brian and Team Jesus!

With the beginning of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry we have SO many fun things planned for this year: trips to Holy Hill, a really exciting summer mission trip, Feed My Sheep (a day of service), the 100<sup>th</sup> Capitol Christmas Pageant, late night overnights, Fire on the Hill, and all KINDS of things.... And it all begins on September 29<sup>th</sup>

So – we hope that you will join us!

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