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Dear Parents:

Welcome all new families to Religious Education and welcome back to our continuing families of Religious Education.

St. Rita Parish Religious Education classes will start Sunday, September 9, 2018, at 10:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Catechists will receive their blessing during the 9:00 a.m. Mass). Family Mass Sundays (the 1st Sunday of the month) classes are dismissed at 11:00 a.m. Each Sunday, 1st through 4th grade will meet in the Parish Hall from 10:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.. The 5th & 6th grade will meet in the Conference Room at the Rectory from 10:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m..

I take this time to refresh everyone on a few of the ongoing procedures for Religious Education requirements for students.

Reconciliation & Communion:
Each student must be a Baptized Catholic. One full year of instruction is required for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion, celebrated in May.

Confirmation:
Students must be Baptized Catholics and have received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. Two (2) full years of instruction are required, all of the 7th grade school year and all of the 8th grade school year. The Confirmation retreat will be on Friday and Saturday, May 10th-11th at the CYO Camp (Occidental, CA), followed by the Sacrament of Confirmation, which is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

As Fr. Weare explained, he wants all Confirmation candidates, to continue their necessary religious instruction, to be involved in community outreach, and to take part as Lectors in at least one family Mass. This community outreach is part of the requirement for the reception of Confirmation. During class we will discuss various venues to perform this outreach.

Students who have received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion are expected to continue their religious education, 3rd-8th grade each year, held on Sundays 10:10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.. Instruction for the reception of Confirmation in your child's 8th grade year becomes quite overwhelming if they haven't continued from the 3rd grade through the 8th grade.

It is our hope as catechists that your children get the best information and readiness for all the sacraments they will receive throughout their elementary and junior high school

years. Religious education provides your child with a good faith formation base so as they proceed into their high school years they will be better prepared to address the many challenges confronting Christian teenagers today. This is Father's, mine, and our catechists' goal for your children's Catholic Faith Formation.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope any questions about religious education procedures have been answered and everyone is up to date on the requirements.

Should you wish to speak with me about any area regarding religious education concerning your child, such as reception of sacraments or our sponsorship program, you can reach me at my home number, 415-459-4099 and I will return your call. **No child will be denied religious education because of a lack of funds.** Your child's well-being is always foremost in our efforts.

Looking forward to seeing you at religious education classes and about town. May you all be blessed throughout this coming year.

Peace in Christ,

Carol Bennetts

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