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To: ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES
From: Mrs. Barbara Regan, CRE
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Subject: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GENERAL INFORMATION

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The usual procedure for Religious Education Classes is that when a child enters First Grade in the Public School they enroll in a Religious Education Program at their local Catholic Church. Normally, the child was baptized as an infant or by the age of 7 at least.

If this is your situation and your child has not had any Religious Education classes they need to have at least 1 year of class before they are put into a Sacramental Class.

If your child is 7 or older and has not been baptized they will go into a class called RCIA for Children. This is Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults but taught at a child's level of understanding. A child that has reached the age of reason, which is considered 7, he or she is old enough to be aware and willing receive the sacraments. They will be in a separate class with children in a similar situation and they will be able to share their experiences because of their similarities.

Mass attendance is an important part of both programs. Mass Attendance Cards will be issued to the students. They will bring the Cards up to the altar during the offertory and place them in a basket. The cards will be returned to the students in class.

I am usually here at all the masses on Saturday evening and Sunday and I do take attendance. If you attend a different church on Sunday, simply bring in a signed bulletin and they will get credit for it. What the children learn in class and what is learned at mass are both important parts of Catholic Beliefs.

I look forward to working with you in instructing your children in the beauty of our faith.

God Bless You and Your Family.

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