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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

As all of you are winding down the school year and getting ready to enjoy a well deserved summer, we here at St. Sebastian are gearing up for our Faith Formation program that will begin in the Fall! Summer gives us the time needed to plan programs, order materials, clean classrooms and secure Catechists. BUT in order to plan appropriately, it is necessary to do registration now so we can work within our budget and get quality materials, not quantity!

The 2010-2011 year will begin in September with a few changes. We will continue to offer Whole Family Catechesis (Generations Of Faith), but will do so in a different format and it will not be a mandatory program but one of enrichment.

In trying to meet the needs of our families and responsibly preparing our children for Sacraments and growing in knowledge and understanding of our Catholic Faith, we will be re-introducing age appropriate Faith Formation classes for ALL age levels.

Classes for children in grades K-5 will be held on Sunday mornings from 10:45-11:50AM. Our hope is that you and your family will attend 9:30 AM Mass and classes for the children will immediately follow for students in grades k-5. While your children attend classes, you may want to grab a cup of coffee in LeSage Hall and spend some time with other parents who are part of our faith community!

Classes will be held THREE Sundays a month so as to work around holidays and give families at least one Sunday a month free. We are in the process of finalizing our calendar and will post it in the bulletin and website as soon as it is finalized.

Because you participated in our Faith Formation program this past year, we are sending you a registration packet in the mail to help facilitate your registration for the 2010-2011 year. PLEASE spread the word to your friends and other parishioners that if they did not receive a packet via mail, to please stop by and pick up a packet. We have a limited mailing list to work from which is to everyone's disadvantage.

Why Sunday mornings??? Looking at school schedules, length of school day, after school activities, sports, working parent schedules, volunteer teacher schedules... it was the BEST solution. More and more families don't have any family time during the week and on weekends, Church and God have taken a "back seat". Hopefully, this will help families re-commit time to God and make family worship a priority again.

We look forward to the Fall, but most especially, look forward to re-newing our Faith commitment together! In the meantime, as you take a break from school, please don't take a break from God and if you are in town... please come and worship with us at one of our weekend Masses.

Classes for Grades 6-9 will be held on Sunday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm. This will include classes for Confirmation. Details and registration for those classes will be sent in early July so be watching!!

Also included with this packet is registration for Vacation Bible School. We have a great VBS planned for kids age 4 through grade 5!! We have great adult volunteers.... But to make this a great time... we need kids! Early bird registration (\$25.00 per child) is until June 1. After June 1 the fee is \$30.00. ALL registrations must be in by June 10<sup>th</sup>. In order to provide VBS we need a commitment of a minimum of 20 kids by June 10<sup>th</sup>. SO climb on board and join us!!!

Wishing everyone a peace-filled, fun-filled, lazy day filled , safe and God filled Summer!!!!  
Blessings to you and your family.

Blessings,

Sister Susan Therese IHM