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Middle School Religious Education 2019-2020 Registration & Instructions – please read thoroughly!

July 8, 2019

Dear Middle School Students and Parents,

I hope you are all settling into summer and enjoying quieter time together. It seems hard to believe, but it is time to begin registering for next year's Religious Education program. Please read the following carefully.

- Classes for Grades 6-8 meet on Monday nights at Mount Alvernia High School on Centre Street here in Newton. There will be two sessions offered: **6:30-7:30pm** or **7:00-8:00pm**
I ask that everyone choose a session preference when submitting registration forms.
- Classes will begin on Monday, September 23. All parents (especially parents of those in Grade 6) are strongly encouraged to attend a brief orientation in the chapel on this date. The entire year's calendar will be sent out sometime in August.
- ALL registration forms must be received by Tuesday, September 10, for your son or daughter to begin classes on the first day, to ensure your session choice, and to ensure friend requests are honored. Any requests made after this date cannot be guaranteed.
- Please mail your registration form as soon as possible, and please include Baptism and Eucharist certificates for any **new** students who were not baptized at Our Lady's.
- If you have decided not to return to classes for any reasons or if you have a scheduling conflict, please contact me as soon as possible. There are various ways to work around schedules, and I'm happy to help!
- If you are new to our parish and our Religious Education program, welcome! Before registering for class, please register with our parish at <https://boston.paritysoftfamilysuite.com/> For all returning families, I ask you to spread the word to any new families and invite them to join our parish and our program.
- If possible, we appreciate you including payment with your registration form. The fee is \$100.00 per child. Children are always welcome without payment if there is a significant family need; please do notify me if this is the case. Multiple smaller payments throughout the year are also welcome. There is a late fee of \$25.00 per family for any registrations (from returning families only) received after September 10.
- Because our Religious Education programs run at a deficit each year, we would be grateful for any additional donation to the program, to help cover the fees of those who cannot pay. Any amount would be welcome and greatly appreciated! (over ---->)

- As you know, any successful and safe program cannot exist without lots of help, which is why I implore each of you to consider volunteering your time and talent. Catechists, assistant catechists, and hall monitors are needed for the coming year. We have wonderful textbooks with lots of guidance, and you'll have constant support from me. Please let me know if you can help or are considering helping. Thank you! Parents or other family members who volunteer at each class do not pay tuition.
- Mark your calendars now for Middle School Youth Group! We're so glad to be able to continue this fun and faith-filled Friday event. Our current schedule is as follows, meeting 6:30-8:00pm:
 - September 6
 - October 4
 - November 1
 - February 7
 - March 13
 - April 3
 - May 8

I wish you all a most relaxing and blessed summer. I look forward to your return in September and to another great year together. Please call or email with any questions.

Peace,

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