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Dear Parents,

The COVID-19 pandemic necessitated a reevaluation of how we structured and delivered our Religious Education Program here at Saint Anthony Church during the last school year. We were not able to gather with children in our facilities for in-person classes, and this required us to think about different ways to help you teach your sons and daughters about their Catholic faith.

The education of children in matters of faith has always been and continues to be the primary role of parents in the home and family setting. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God."

The purpose of our parish Religious Education Program is to support you as you raise your children in the practice of the faith. The challenges of the past year offered a unique opportunity to bring formal religious education more directly into your homes by providing you with resources to help you nurture your children's faith and to enrich your own faith as well.

We are happy that we can now look forward to returning to in-person classes here at Saint Anthony Church adding this additional support to your home catechesis.

Enclosed with this letter is a registration form for the 2021-2022 school year. Please return a completed form for each child in your family to Saint Anthony Church by July 12<sup>th</sup> so we can plan our program based on the number of students and families who will be participating. We look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Sincerely,

Rev Charles R. Danielson