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Dear Parents,

Another school year is just around the corner, and along with it, our Family Faith Formation Program will resume. Our first meeting here at Saint Patrick's will be on September 20th.

As was the case in previous years, we will be meeting approximately every other week. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Again, I hope your whole family can come, and you can enjoy a meal together with them and with other members of our parish family. However, if you can't make it before we quit serving, don't hesitate to come. We will have plates prepared for those who can't make it before 6:00 p.m.

Classes will begin promptly at 6:10 p.m. in the Church. All students will then join their teachers for a short time of prayer before they proceed to their classrooms. Classes will end at 7:20 p.m. Parents and 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will join me for class. This year we will again have a nursery for infants and toddlers.

One change from last year is that we will be introducing Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Pre-school, Kindergarten and First Grade. This program will help our little ones learn about the Mass and Sacraments using models which the children can hold and touch.

Along with this letter, I have included a calendar and a registration form. Please fill out the registration form and return it as soon as possible. On the back of the form are several other questions. Make sure you answer these too because we need to know the number of individuals who will be coming for dinner so that we can prepare enough food. Note that the registration form will also be available on our Website, and you can fill it out on line.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the parish office, myself or Deacon Jim.

May God bless you and your family,

Fr. Joseph A. Sirba, Pastor