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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is with great joy and enthusiasm that we welcome you and your child(ren) to a new year of religious education! In this mailing:

- Placement Form
- Calendar 2009-2010 on back of placement form
- Parent Information
- Photograph and Video Use Policy

I am enclosing a copy of the Placement Form for your child(ren) and the Parent Policy Information. Classes for Grades 1-8 will begin **Sunday, September 20** and Grades 9 & 10 (Confirmation I & II) will begin on **Sunday, September 27**. Kindergarten will begin on **Sunday, October 4**. Our program for Children With Different Learning Abilities will begin on **Sunday, October 4**. The Weekday Program will begin **Wednesday, September 30** from 3:30-4:30pm. All classes are held in the Parish Center, unless noted as Rectory Basement on the placement label.

As some of you will notice, your child(ren) may be placed in a class that is labeled "To Be Announced". If this is the case, I ask for your prayers, as well as your consideration in joining our catechetical team as a teacher or maybe a co-teacher with someone else. To share your gifts, talents and faith with our young people is a true blessing. If you are interested in coming forward to teach, we still have openings in the following classes:

Grade 4	1 catechist	Session IV – Wednesday	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Grade 5	1 catechist	Session II – Sunday	11:15am – 12:15pm
Grade 5	2 catechists	Session IV – Wednesday	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Grade 6	2 catechists	Session III – Sunday	6:15pm – 7:15pm
Grade 7	1 catechist	Session III – Sunday	6:15pm – 7:15pm

Please note that as a safety precaution for all students in **Kindergarten through Grade 3**, parents are **required** to **bring their child(ren) directly to the classroom**. Please be sure the teacher is in the classroom before leaving your child, and **return to the classroom to pick up** your child(ren) at the end of the session.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The "Feast of Saint Michael," takes place on Tuesday, September 29. The festivities will include Mass in the Church followed by a community barbeque. This has always been a fun event; hopefully you all will join us!

In closing, just a gentle reminder, that you, as parents, are the primary educators of your children. Your active participation in your child's religious education is highly encouraged. As a family, you are the first witnesses of God's love to your children. If you provide a model of Catholic living at home, and if you pray and attend Mass as a family, your children are more likely to take to heart the lessons they learn in religion classes.

As always, it is my privilege to serve and assist you in your efforts to share the faith with your child(ren). Should you ever have any questions, or concerns, please feel free to call me. So, as we begin our new year together, I pray that the Spirit will fill you with wisdom, peace, joy and love. Looking forward to being with you soon, I remain,

Sincerely,

Patricia Marks
Coordinator of Religious Education