

St. Bernard/St. Margaret Mary Religious Education
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Dear Parents of Religious Education Students,

I hope you have had a wonderful, restful summer! I have been very busy, with my daughter Rebecca's wedding and our pilgrimage to World Youth Day which begins today! I thought this would be a good time to touch base with you and give you some details about the beginning of our program this year. If you have not yet sent in your registration form and payment, please do so as soon as possible – the deadline is Sunday, September 11. If you need a registration form you can download it at <http://www.swnhcatholics.com/pdfs/faithformationregistration1011.pdf>. It is important for us to get this registration information to verify enrollment and assure that we have adequate teachers and materials. Financial assistance is available – please contact me by phone or email.

A calendar is enclosed – one side has the Sunday Program Calendar and the other side has the Family Program Calendar. For those opting for the Family program, please note that the Adult Meetings will be taking place on Monday evenings. This was chosen due to space and teacher availability. I hope this will work for all of you. For those choosing the Sunday morning program, classes start on Sunday, September 25 for all grades – please report to the St. Joseph gymnasium with your children in grades 1-5 at 10:45 that day, and from there they will go with their teachers to the classrooms. Students in the EDGE (grades 6-8) program will meet at 5 PM in the gym, and LifeTeen (grades 9-12) students will meet either at 5 PM in the St. Bernard Parish Hall.

Please note – important updates will be posted on our website at www.swnhcatholics.com. Please check the religious education tab regularly for reminders. I will also post snow day notifications on the website.

All celebrations of First Communion will be held May 5&6 this year, at regular weekend Masses. If you are a member of St. Margaret Mary your child will celebrate First Communion at the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, May 6. If you are a member of St. Bernard, you will need to let me know your preference for which weekend Mass you would like to attend and celebrate First Communion. There will be a limit of 12 First Communicants per Mass at St. Bernard, and those who let me know their preference first will have priority.

If you have further questions before the beginning of the program please feel free to contact me at any time, either by phone or email. I will be out of the office for the rest of August on the World Youth Day pilgrimage, but will get back to you promptly on my return. I'm looking forward to working with you and your families this year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joy Davis, DRE