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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I want to first thank all of you who supported our program this past year! It was certainly a wonderful opportunity to be with all of you once again. It is my hope that this year we can continue to build up our program and create new opportunities for our youth. For those of you who are joining us for the first time this year, I welcome you to our wonderful program and community. I hope that you all feel welcomed here at St. Anthony's, and I hope that we here in the Faith Formation program can assist your children in becoming closer followers of Christ.

New for the 2018-2019 Faith Formation year, we are moving our registration online! You will now be able to register through our new online registration form and access any of our calendars and other documents through our website at: www.stanthonyscaped.org/faithformation and click on the "**Faith Formation Registration**" link. There are also paper copies of the registration form available at the Faith Formation Office (Fatima Hall), Parish Office, or in the back of the church (I have also attached a paper copy to this letter). **Please note**, if you are registering your child for our Confirmation: Encountering Christ (gr. 9) program, there will be separate letter and registration packet that will need to be filled out (paper only; no online form available).

For NEW families: Please review all the information on the registration form. Information will be emailed on a regular basis, so please include your email address in the space provided. If filling out a paper copy of the registration form, please be sure to complete **BOTH SIDES** of the registration form and sign the appropriate fields. If filling out an online form, please be sure to fill in all appropriate fields so that we can ensure that we have your information properly recorded. A copy of a **Baptismal Certificate** (unless baptized at St. Anthony's) is **REQUIRED** for each child entering the program for the first time; please be sure to send that copy to the Faith Formation office as soon as possible.

For RETURNING families: Please review all the information on the registration form. If you are filling out an online form you will be asked several questions that will help streamline the registration process for you. If you are filling out a paper form, you will not need to fill out the family information section (unless any of your information has changed since last year). For the student information section, please fill in only your child's name and select which Faith Formation offering you would like your child to be placed in (we have all other information on record). If you have a new student to the program, please be sure to fill in all of their information as we do not have it on record yet.

It is very important that we receive all of the registration information in by **Sunday, August 19th** as we want to make sure that all of our information is current before the beginning of the new Faith Formation year.

Enclosed within this letter you will also find a copy of the calendar for this upcoming Faith Formation program year. Please note that while we try our best to maintain the dates on the schedule, there may be some times that we need to alter some of the dates. We will send out an email and post on our website any changes that may take place.

All of our Faith Formation classes will be held at the same time as last year. First Communion Prep pts. 1 & 2 (gr. 1 & 2) will meet on Sundays 9:50am-10:50am, grades 3-7 will meet on either Sundays 9:50am-10:50am or Mondays 4:15pm-5:15pm. Pre-Confirmation (gr. 8) and our Confirmation: Encountering Christ (gr.9) program will meet on Sunday mornings from 10:45am-1:15pm.

We realize that sports/extracurricular activity schedules for the fall have not been released yet, and that many of you wait to register your children for Faith Formation until you receive those schedules. Please do not wait to send in your Faith Formation registration as we rely on timely registrations so that we can begin to place orders for textbooks and supplies before the Faith Formation program year begins. For those who have students in grades 3-7 who have the option of registering for either Sunday or Monday sessions, please sign up your child based on your best estimate of when practices/rehearsals/etc. could potentially be. We will try working with you if something changes once you receive those schedules.

During the course of the year we will also be sending out reminders pertaining to important dates and meetings through weekly newsletters/emails. All of this information, including registration forms, calendars, textbook overviews, and Faith Formation information/policies are available on our website at <http://www.stanthonyscapecod.org/faithformation>.

It is my hope that I can best serve you and your child's needs for this upcoming year. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to get in touch with me at any time at **stanthonyfaithformation@comcast.net OR at 508-548-3515**. I will also be available at the Faith Formation office (located in Fatima Hall) during the week from Monday-Thursday or on Sundays during Faith Formation classes. Again, I cannot wait for this year to start and meet all of you in person and look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jonathan F. Galo". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Jonathan Galo
Director of Faith Formation