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Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

Good news! Our plans for religious education at Our Lady of the Rosary are beginning to be finalized. We are excited that more than a dozen families have expressed interest in our new programs. And we are grateful for several parishioners who have volunteered to serve as catechists and teachers for our young people.

We have in place catechists and classes for the following groups:

- **1st grade** - to provide religious education for children who do not attend Catholic schools;
- **First Communion** - to prepare 2nd graders who do not attend Catholic schools and a couple of older children for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion;
- We are also hoping to offer religious education classes for **sophomores and juniors in high school** who do not attend Catholic schools. However, we have not yet received any inquiries for this group.

These religious education groups will meet as part of our **Parish School of Religion on Wednesday evenings from 5pm to 6pm in Vincent Hall**. Classes will begin on September 27th and continue until May 9th.

We are also planning to provide sacramental preparation in the following areas:

- **Confirmation** - to prepare all high school juniors (whether in Catholic school or otherwise) for the sacrament of confirmation;
- **RCIA (for children)** - to prepare children seven years old or older to be baptized, confirmed, and receive First Holy Communion at Easter time;
- **RCIA (for adults)** - to allow men and women the possibility to study and explore our Catholic faith and decide if they feel called to become Catholic.

Formal registration for the Parish School of Religion and sacramental preparation will begin this week. If you or members of your family fall into any of these categories and have not yet contacted the parish office, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can finalize the resources needed for our programs – office@ourladyoftherosary-no.com or 488-2659.

Please continue to pray for the success of our new religious education programs. May the Lord use this new endeavor to bring our young people and our catechists closer to Himself!

To Jesus through Mary,

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