

Saint Catherine of Siena Religious Education

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Dear Parents,

Greetings and blessings to you and your family. I hope this letter finds you well and looking forward to the upcoming summer months. This is also the time to register your child(ren) for the upcoming Religious Education year! I have attached the Re-registration form **(due June 23rd to avoid \$50.00 late fee)**. **NEW children should not be added to the Re-registration form, but should be on the blue forms in the church. This helps me identify the new students.**

Religious Education Classes for K - 8 begin on Sunday, September 16th, at Henry James Memorial School on Firetown Road in Simsbury, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Those students registered in the morning Confirmation Classes will also attend class from 9:15AM - 10:30AM. If you are registering your teen for CONFIRMATION I (Grade 9) please indicate next to your teen's name a morning or evening preference. CONFIRMATION II (Grade 10) teens stay in the same class with the same teacher. The Confirmation Calendar will be available on our website.

There will be a Parents' Meeting held in the cafeteria on the first day of class while the children are in class. You will receive additional information about meetings and events and the opportunity to learn about your child's formation at this meeting.

Great things will be happening this year! Once per month we will offer a hospitality, "Parents' Coffee Café" in the cafeteria at Henry James. We encourage parents to stay and socialize once a month during classes! One family from each grade is asked to sponsor one parent coffee. More information will be offered by the parents who sponsored last year's Coffee Café.

A reminder that children in Grades 7 and 8 may begin their Confirmation Service requirement. The criteria will be discussed, but for planning purposes, 10 hours can be earned for any **church service project**, to be used toward the 25 hour Confirmation service requirement.

Hall Monitors are very much needed! Please lend an hour of your time to make sure things run smoothly in the hallways during class. Even one Sunday per month would be helpful.

Class lists for Kindergarten through Confirmation II Classes will be posted on our website in early September, **www.stcatherine.info/** If you are not able to access the web, please do not hesitate to call or email me. The class lists will also be posted at Henry James on the first day as usual. Be sure to note your child's teacher and classroom number. **If there is a N/R next to your child's name, we have not received the Re-registration Form. Please register your child immediately if that is the case.**

As parents you have the most important role developing and nurturing a deep faith in God and His Son, Jesus. It is the commitment and promise made at your child's baptism that you take up each week by attending Mass and bringing them to Religion classes. That commitment makes their time each week in class even more meaningful. Your dedication and support to the catechists is very much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you and your child(ren) on September 16th. **If you can't make the meeting** or have a question, **please call me** anytime.

In our Lord's Peace,

Kathi Bonner, Director of Religious Education