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Parish Religious Education Program

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for registering your child/children in **PREP** at Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish. This will be an exciting year for both your child/children and your family.

So that you will know what our schedule will be for the **PREP** year, I have provided a calendar for your family. If any changes need to be made, I will send home a notice.

Please note the day and place of classes:

Classes will be held on THURSDAY evenings. This year's PREP classes will begin at 6:00 P.M. and run until 7:20 P.M. at the Worship Site (the former St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 1200 Park Ave., Bensalem) in the classrooms of Seton Hall.

Our first PREP class will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2018. At that time there is also a **MANDATORY parent's/guardian's meeting. We ask that at least one parent/guardian be present. All will gather in the Church for an opening Prayer Service.**

If your child/children is/are preparing for the sacraments, you will be notified of the special meetings you need to attend as part of that sacramental preparation. (2nd Level – First Penance & First Communion, 7th Level-Confirmation)

Attending weekly Sunday Mass is an integral part of your child's PREP education as well as faith life, so Mass attendance is **MANDATORY** each week. On the occasions when there are holy days of obligation, your child is expected to attend one of the Masses at the parish.

During the winter months, there are occasions when it may snow. Should class need to be cancelled, you will receive an email and a phone call. Please see the handbook for more information.

We are all excited about the start of a new PREP year and look forward to working with the children. Remember, we are only secondary teachers in your child's life in the matter of faith. You are the child's primary teacher, so please sit down with your child and ask what he/she did in class, what they learned, and help them with their prayers. All families are encouraged to come together on Sundays and share the Mass with their children. The Sacraments

and the Liturgy will only become important to them, if it is important to you. Children imitate what they see. You are their best role model.

As always, we thank you for your support, your participation, your commitment and most especially your prayers. We are confident that this will be a great year!

Enclosed is a 2018-2019 PREP Registration Form (two sided) Please fill it out and mail with tuition payment to the above address or drop it off at the Parish Office before August 20, 2018.

The fee for PREP covers the cost of books and supplies. It is as follows:

\$80.00 for one child

\$75.00 for two or three children (cost per child)

\$70.00 for four or more children (cost per child)

There will be a late registration fee of \$20.00 per student added to the tuition after September 1, 2018.

Payment MUST accompany your child(ren)'s registration. If there is a financial hardship a payment schedule can be arranged by emailing the DRE at stadre43@gmail.com.

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN THE FIRST NIGHT OF CLASS!

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to email or see me any Thursday evening.

Yours in Christ,

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