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Dear Parents:

Welcome back to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Religious Education! We hope you had a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you!

Classes begin the week of September 9th. Monday classes begin on **September 9th**, Tuesday classes begin on **September 10th**, Wednesday classes begin on **September 11th**; and Thursday classes begin on **September 12th**. For the first class of each session **everyone, including parents, will begin in the church and end up in the classrooms.** In the church, catechists will be introduced and room assignments will be given. Parents will stay for a short meeting while the children head over to the Faith Formation Building with their catechist. Parents will then join their children in the classrooms.

During parents' time in the classrooms, the catechists will present the grade level expectations and review procedures for their class. **Parents will also sign up** for an individual time to meet with the catechist during the subsequent Faith Formation classes. **Parent /Catechist Meetings worked well last year, and we will continue with them this year.** They are very helpful for us to get to know your child and family.

Parent Handbooks will be on our website, www.saintkateriparish.com, under the Religious Education tab. Parents are responsible for its content and should sign and return the "Acknowledgement Form", on the first day of class.

The **Transportation Permission form for UVMS students**, attending the 2:30-4:00 pm, "A" Sessions, are available on our website under Religious Education/Grades 1-8/ Documents. Please complete and return the form directly to the **UVMS office by September 5th**.

The Year-at-a-Glance calendar is attached to this email and is also posted on our **website**. Information regarding First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be distributed during the first class. Family Catechesis dates and programs will be communicated to you soon.

This year's Catechetical theme is: **"Stay With Us"**. I look forward to seeing everyone in September. Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us!

Yours in Christ,
Deacon John McCormack
Director of Religious Education