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Dear Parents,

Hopefully you had an enjoyable summer with lots of time to spend with your family and friends. We have been very busy preparing for the upcoming year and all the changes that it brings. The sad news of the school closing in June after 50 years of excellence in education brings with it a special welcome to our catholic school children who have joined us in the religious education program this year, as well as, all the families that are new to our program. We are so grateful that you have chosen us to help you promote a life of faith in Jesus Christ. We know that all of our families are committed to this goal and we will be here to assist you in any way that we can.

Catechetical Sunday 2008 will be celebrated nation-wide on weekends beginning September 21, 2008. We will host our celebration on Sunday, October 5, 2008. Classes will begin at 1pm on that special day. Sunday students of the PREP, and all PREP students and families, will be invited to join us for a special Parish event. Please reserve the date. Further information will be given out during the first session of the year.

The theme of this year's Catechetical Sunday is "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church." This is also the theme for our Catechetical Convocation that will be held at the Westchester Center on Saturday, September 27, 2008. A special invitation is extended to all adults who are interested in discovering new facets of the Catholic faith and its practice, to come and hear from nationally renowned experts in prayer, spirituality, and family faith enhancement. If you are interested in attending the convocation please contact the PREP office for more information.

As a courtesy to our families classes will begin the third week of the month, September 21, 22, and 24, 2008, this is in order to give our families time to get settled into their fall schedule. All students should be prepared to stay for the entire class with parents meeting in the gym 1/2 hour prior to dismissal. At that time we will be able to fill you in on all the changes that will be taking place this school year. The Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program will be discussed. Parents will also have the opportunity to meet

+ Building a community of faith where we feel loved and respected.



briefly with each teacher and receive important information for the upcoming school year. Please make sure that all each family has a parent, guardian an adult representative come for the information and teacher meeting. On the first day children will need to be signed out by a parent or guardian.

Enclosed in this mailing are the calendar, an information sheet, an invitation if you are entering the eighth grade and a flyer for our first gathering of the year. The day on which your child(ren) will be attending has been circled. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who registered in a timely manner.

All students must enter the school building through the back door. We ask that no one park in the four parking spots in front of the back door. We will use that area for dismissal.

First Day of Class (Please make note of this)

Sunday - September 21
Monday - September 22
Wednesday - September 24

Best wishes for a blessed and fruitful school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Audrey Angelini, CRE