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Welcome to a new year of faith formation. It is our hope that the sessions and activities that we provide this year will be a source of ongoing support to you, the parent, in your role as the most important religious educator of your children. We currently offer religious education sessions for Pre-K through Confirmation. These sessions are held in the St. Joseph School classrooms: Sundays from 9:00am – 10:15am or Thursdays 4:30pm-5:45pm. (Please note the new times) **The first RE sessions will be held on Sunday, September 17th or Thursday, September 21st.**

The policies for the religious education program are as follows:

- *To register for the 2017/18 religious education program it is expected that you are a registered parishioner, which is the formal sign of your membership in our parish community. If not registered, please fill out the enclosed censuses form or contact the parish office at 530-889-2254*
- *Due to the importance of your child's religious education and our time limitations, please see that they arrive to class on time! Catechists need all the time possible and late arrivals disrupt the class. If your child is late, please bring them into the school office and we will walk them into class. When absent from class please contact their teacher for any make up work. If your child has too many absence's, they may be asked to meet with Fr. Innocent or need to stay back a year. It is our hope that through the RE programs your child will grow spiritually and understand and embrace their Catholic faith.*
- *We encourage you to bring your child all during their elementary/middle school years. Each year builds on the next and is equally important. The Diocese of Sacramento requires that your child be enrolled in the RE program for at least 2 years prior to making a sacrament. An additional fee is charged during sacrament years to cover costs incurred for activities and retreats involving that sacrament. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday May 5, 2018 at 10am. The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation has not been announced by the Bishops office. We try to celebrate Confirmation in the middle of spring. As soon as we hear from the Bishop's office you will be notified.*
- *Sacramental retreats and parental information meetings will be offered throughout the RE year and participation in their experiences will be strongly advised.*
- *In lieu of raising registration fees we are asking all families to donate at least 5 hours to our program. A form with ideas is enclosed. Please fill out and return with your registration forms.*
- ***All forms need to be turned in before your children can begin class in September.***

Please fill out the attached forms **completely and legibly. If your child is making a Sacrament this year please supply a copy of their Baptism certificate.** Remember, payment is due at the same time registration forms are turned in. Make checks payable to St. Teresa of Avila. If paying these fees cause financial hardship on your family, please let us know. No child is ever turned away because of inability to pay. **Please return the completed Registration forms and any required Sacramental certificates with payment by August 15th 2018. Forms can be dropped off at the Parish office, RE office, mailed or left in the Sunday collection baskets.** If we can assist you in any way or if you have any questions regarding the RE program please do not hesitate to call (530) 823-7122. We look forward to seeing you and your family in September.

Yours in Christ,

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